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SUPERMEN? NO, THEY ARE NOT

**IT'S A
TOUGH
DRAW**

IF Australia wins the Oceania qualifying section for the 1986 World Cup, the Socceroos will play a final elimination against the runner-up in Group 7.

Group 7 nations are Spain, Scotland, Wales and Iceland.

Scotland look likely Group winners and should pass into the Cup final 24.

This would leave Australia with the task of beating Wales or Spain to get to Mexico in 1986.

BY DAVID JACK

GREAT PLAYERS ... yes. SUPERMEN ... no.

That just about sums up the invasion of international Soccer talent about to land in Australia from England.

The international series kicks off at the Sydney Cricket Ground on Saturday with Australia "A" taking on Manchester United.

On the following day, it's Australia "B" against Glasgow Rangers in Melbourne.

And the big show will be on the road for a hectic three and a half weeks.

The one fear haunting many Australians is that the visitors from Manchester United, Rangers, Nottingham Forest, Iraklis and Juventus will slaughter the locals.

I think that fear is groundless.

If they go about their task seriously and do not treat the tour as a holiday, Juventus, last week's winners of the Cup Winners Cup, certainly should beat the Australian teams and with goals to spare.

Logically, too, Manchester United, despite being short of several stars, Nottingham Forest, Rangers and Iraklis should also have the class to beat both Australian squads.

But that doesn't matter. I believe the most important thing is for Socceroo coach Frank Arok to test his probable World Cup players against top opposition.

A year ago, Frank Arok held very real fears about being crushed here by the touring England team. It didn't happen.

I believe the gap between the world's outstanding teams and teams from developing nations has narrowed dramatically.

Surely Algeria, Honduras, Cameroon, Kuwait and others proved that emphatically at the 1982 World Cup in Spain.

In England's squad a year ago, there were players like Paul Walsh, Sammy Lee, John Barnes and Luther Blissett, performers rated close to \$2,000,000 class.

Good players ... yes. Supermen ... no.

Australia can go into this international series without any inferiority complexes.

Maybe the Socceroos WILL get beaten. But I just cannot see them getting the feared hiding which

may be at the back of Frank Arok's mind right now.

The next three-and-a-half weeks will answer many questions about just

where Australian Soccer stands on the world stage in 1984.

VICTORIA WIN IN AIS FARCE

BY KEITH GILMOUR

THE decision to give the Australian Institute of Sport control of the Australian U19 Youth Championships was a complete failure.

The championships, held in Canberra last week, were largely ruined as a competitive event.

"Talent identification" tests were held at the same time, but these were

abandoned on the third day.

The Australian Soccer Federation has no option but to learn its lesson for all times. They should forget AIS and hand back

control to a host State.

Last year the ACT Federation did a fine job.

This year we are told that only 27 people saw

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Australian 'A' squad defender Alec Robertson (left) and 'B' squad striker Robbie Slater in full stretch for the ball during the Sydney City - St George match on Sunday. Match report P7.

EDITORIAL

THE time has come for the Australian Soccer Federation to arrange its tours more skilfully.

Do the people who arrange for teams to visit Australia really know what makes football tick overseas?

Take the big international series due to start next weekend.

As we all know, Manchester United, unfortunately, cannot bring their top players to Australia. Nobody should blame United for this. If England requires players for international duty, those players must represent England.

With the England v Scotland match scheduled for May 26 (the day Australia plays Manchester United in Sydney) anyone with the slightest knowledge of the English set-up would realise Manchester United must arrive in Australia without several star players.

The United tour of Australia was further blighted by England's trip to South America in early June.

The point we make here is that England, not Manchester United, has first call on players like Ray Wilkins, Mike Duxbury, and Bryan Robson.

It is a hard and fast rule. The only time it is not enforced by the English F.A. is once every four years... the year after the World Cup.

So if Manchester United had been invited here in 1983, the Old Trafford club could have insisted on bringing all its big names on the tour.

Instead, the Australian Soccer Federation invited England's international team to come to Australia.

And that was the only time in the four-year cycle when ENGLAND could not insist on bringing a full strength squad on tour — the only time in four years when clubs could, and did, refuse to release their stars for England duty.

It is too late to do anything about it now, of course.

The ASF should have asked England to come to Australia in 1984 and Manchester United to come in 1983. Had this been done, it might have avoided all the criticism which is hurled at the ASF whenever top teams arrive here with reserve players deputising for absent stars.

Be sure, Manchester United do not like coming to a foreign country with a depleted tour squad.

They have toured Australia twice before — in 1967 and 1975. On each trip, the famous Red Devils were at full strength.

Each time, the tour was in a year following the World Cup.

So the lucky Australian spectators saw, in 1967, magnificent stars like George Best, Denis Law, Bobby Charlton, Pat Crerand, Noel Cantwell and Alec Stepney.

And the fans responded in huge numbers at all match venues, giving the ASF record profits from the tour.

One cannot help thinking the ASF handled its tour invitations better in those days.

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MITCH BACK BUT NOT FOR LONG

BY DAVID JACK

DAVID MITCHELL, the boy from Adelaide who made good with Glasgow Rangers, one of the glamour clubs of world Soccer, has no intention of settling in Australia.

Mitchell arrived back from Glasgow last week to play for Australia in the international series.

He was met at Sydney Airport by national coach Frank Arok, who speedily relieved Mitchell of a video of a recent Rangers match.

Rangers are one of the overseas teams Australia (and Mitchell) will face in the next few weeks and Arok admitted: "I know nothing about them."

While he's here, Mitch will play as a guest for his former club, Adelaide City.

But it will definitely be a short term arrangement.

Although he is having problems with Rangers, and admits he may move to another club, it will not be an Australian club.

"I want only two things in Soccer," he said, "to represent Australia and to be a full-time professional."

Australia's National League cannot afford full-time players, which is why Mitch will be packing his bags to go back to Britain in July.



Mitch is home. And the first paper David Mitchell read at Sydney airport when he flew in from Glasgow was AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY. Naturally! Also in picture, ASW Editor David Jack.

EFFECTIVE EVERTON — BUT NO THRILLER

FANS have become used to thrilling F.A. Cup Finals in the last few years.

Everton's 2-0 win over Watford in the 1984 Final didn't quite match up to the Manchester United-Brighton match and Spurs' wins in previous years.

Yet nothing can be taken away from the performance of Everton, who scored seven minutes either side of half-time.

They played effectively, spreading the play wide to midfielders Trevor Steven (right) and Kevin Richardson (left).

Richardson provided the cross that led to the first goal in the 38th minute, with the ball headed only as far as Gary Stevens, who passed through to Graham Sharp in the penalty area, and he picked his spot with his shot.

BY BRAD EARL

And it was Trevor Steven's cross to the far post which resulted in the controversial second goal. Andy Gray headed the ball into the net as Wat-

ford keeper Steve Sherwood got his hands to it.

The first half provided the most entertainment for fans as both sides tested the respective keepers.

However, the second half saw fewer chances created. After they had scored, Everton played coolly and calmly to protect their lead.

Their defence was well marshalled by captain Kevin Ratcliffe and John Bailey in a good team effort from Everton.

The occasion was probably too much for Watford's young team, but they didn't have a player in their line-up who could turn the game around.

The Final may not go down as one of the most exciting in history, but it was a very sporting match.

That was reflected by the Watford fans as they waved their flags in recognition of the two teams as the match came to an end.

DOUBLE TO ABERDEEN

MEANWHILE at Hampden Park, Glasgow, Aberdeen won the Scottish F.A. Cup, beating Celtic 2-1 after extra-time.

Aberdeen were a goal up in 23 minutes when their former World Youth Championship striker, Eric Black, put the finishing touch to a move started with a corner kick from Gordon Strachan.

Six minutes before half-time, Roy Aitken of Celtic was sent off, making the Glasgow club's task almost impossible.

Despite being down to 10 men, however, Celtic did manage an equalising goal four minutes from full-time.

Scorer was Paul McStay, another of Scotland's Youth players who played

against Australia in Mexico a year ago.

So it went into extra-time but Aberdeen settled the issue in a move involving Strachan and Mark McGhee... two stars due to be transferred at any time.

Strachan provided the pass and McGhee volleyed the goal home.

In addition to the Aitken dismissal, six other players received cautions from the referee, Robert Valentine.

Aberdeen's victory gave them the double in Scotland this year. The Dons had already won the Premier Division title.

KUZE TO RETURN

BY BRAD EARL

SYDNEY CROATIA are awaiting the return of Josef Kuze from Yugoslavia to take up the coaching position he vacated after winning the NSW State League Grand Final last year.

Last week, Mick Jones resigned as coach after incidents that occurred during the 0-1 loss to Parramatta Melita.

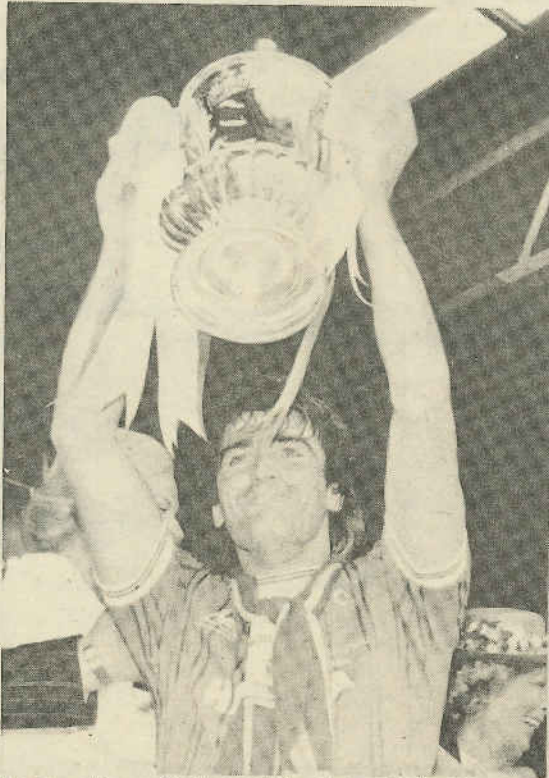
That was only Jones' third game in charge after the sacking of Atti Abonyi.

Bill Bicanic, who has been a youth coach with Croatia and is a committee member, accepted the position of caretaker coach.

Croatia scored a vital win on Sunday against Canberra Arrows at the National Sports Centre.

Kuze, who is currently on the coaching staff at Dinamo Zagreb, had control of the team for three months in 1982, winning the State League championship and Grand Final double.

Last season they only missed out on the championship on goal difference to Melita, but they took out the Grand Final when they defeated the Eagles 5-4 on penalties.



Everton skipper Kevin Ratcliffe shows off the F.A. Cup

FONTANA LASHES 'IDIOTS'

BY PHIL MURPHY

WOLLONGONG CITY striker Glenn Fontana was the centre of a major controversy after the recent game against St George in Wollongong.

Fontana was involved in a scuffle with spectators as he left the field and a number of punches were thrown.

The clash came after Wollongong spectators had abused Fontana and repeatedly demanded that coach Adrian Alston replace him during the game.

Fontana told Alston he would never play with the club again, before storming out of the dressing room.

"I can find better things to do with my Sunday afternoons than be abused by idiots who know nothing about the game," Fontana said.

"My father even stopped coming to watch me play because the crowd were giving me such a bad time."

Just 24 hours after his decision to quit the club, Fontana attended a meeting of directors and was asked to reconsider his decision.

The big striker then said he would see out the rest of the season, mainly to keep faith with Alston and the other players.

A section of the Wollongong crowd have been unkind, to say the least, to certain players this season.

Peter Beggs also has been criticised for not getting goals.

Against St George, Beggs suffered a nasty gash under his right eye but returned to the field after having the injury taped.

Commenting on the problem, Alston said most of the Wollongong fans are right behind the team in their battle to get off the bottom of the table.

"There was a bit of trouble after the Saints game but only a handful of people were involved," he said.

"The directors have appointed me coach and I will decide who plays and who doesn't — not people in the grandstand."

TV SOCCER

CHANNEL 0-28 have released details of their TV coverage of the international series starting next Saturday when Australia A clashes with Manchester United at the Sydney Cricket Ground.

This will be the biggest ever international series staged in this country across four capital cities.

Network 0-28 will transmit 11 matches live between May 26 and June 22, with the exception of the city of origin of each match.

The first game, between Australia and Manchester United, will be shown from 3 pm in Melbourne, Canberra, Cooma and Goulburn. Coverage will also include one hour of highlights at 7.30 pm that evening (also in Sydney).

The Network will show live via satellite from Rome, the 1984 European Cup Final between AS Roma and Liverpool on Thursday May 31, at 4.10 am.

Another 0-28 special for Australian viewers will be the UEFA Cup Final between Anderlecht, champion side of Belgium, and England's Tottenham Hotspurs.

This Final is being played this Thursday morning local time, but will not be screened live.

This match will go to air Saturday afternoon, June 2nd, at 5.30 pm.

GALLAGHER'S TOUGH TASK

THE NSL's newest coach could have hedged his bets and waited until next season to take the job at Newcastle Rosebuds United.

After all, the Newcastle squad had just undergone a period of turmoil that saw the departure of some of the side's senior players

plus the entire coaching staff of the old KB United entity.

When Willie Gallagher took over at Newcastle a fortnight ago, the team had rounded off a series of five losses with an 1-8 whitewash at the hands of Sydney City.

Morale was pretty low and even some of Newcastle's closest supporters were prepared to believe the side might not win a game.

For a prospective new

coach it looked like an impossible situation. Yet, Gallagher took it on.

From the minute he named his first side (the one that beat Sunshine George Cross 3-0) it was evident there was a new authority around the United camp.

Gallagher firmed up the defence by reinstating Clint Gosling in goal, bringing Ralph Meier back to right-back and having the able Neville Power sweep behind Newcastle's defensive general, Mike Boogaard.

The new coach needed a midfield ball-winner to complement the distribu-

tive skills of Joe Senkalski.

But he surprised everybody by naming leading striker Simon Brandt for the role. Brandt, a noted runner and chaser, did the job admirably.

Dean Milosevic, who had looked most unhappy at sweeper, bobbed up on the right flank while Derek Todd and David Jones claimed the central striking roles.

BY NEIL JAMESON

Perhaps most importantly, he gave Senkalski the greatest responsibility of his career by naming him captain.

The chances of winning trophies and titles might have gone for United in '84, but if Gallagher can restore Newcastle's Soccer pride and credibility, that will be a victory in itself.

Gallagher's broad Scottish accent (he came originally from Paisley near Glasgow) belies his knowledge of the local scene.

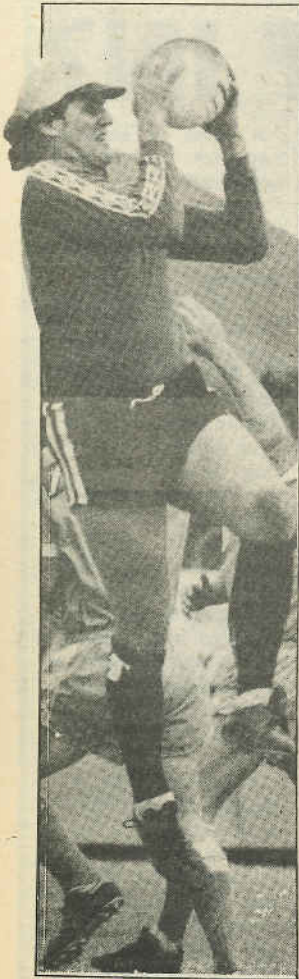
Having played and then coached extensively in the Northern NSW Federation since his arrival in 1965, Gallagher is familiar with the capabilities of his charges.

In fact, he and Senkalski played in the same Adamstown side 10 years ago.

QLD BLASTS AROK AGAIN

BY GREG RUSSELL

QUEENSLAND officials have again attacked national coach Frank Arok after former Soccerroo goalkeeper Kim Wishart was overlooked when two more keepers were added to the Melbourne-based Australian squad preparing for this month's international series.



KIM WISHART

Queensland Soccer Federation president Ald Ian Brusasco, State coach Bruce Stowell and Wishart's club coach Joe Gilroy blasted Arok as "hypocritical and determined to exclude Queenslanders from the Australian squad".

The outbursts follow similar heated criticism of Arok and his national team selections prior to the interstate clash between Queensland and NSW — which the Blues won 2-0.

Queensland had only one national squad member, Lions striker Danny Wright — who did not play in the loss to NSW because of injury.

State officials were outraged when they learned that two goalkeepers were among six Melbourne players added to the squad. The two keepers, according to reports in Queensland, were Heidelberg's Jeff Olver and Brunswick United's Sean Keogh.

What further angered Queensland was Arok's apparent turnabout on selection policy.

Arok was quoted in the Melbourne press as saying: "We're trying to have a look at as many players

with potential to play for Australia as possible."

But he told the Queensland media after the recent interstate clash: "For someone to get in (the national squad) now they would have to good, really good."

The turnabout did not please Queensland officials.

"This is even more insulting. Maybe we are being punished for being critical, or maybe the national coach thinks we live too far away. It is extremely disappointing, but typical," said Brusasco.

Stowell was equally pointed with his criticism.

"The man (Arok) keeps surprising me. I don't know what he is trying to do. He obviously has a bent against Queensland players," he said.

"Some Queensland players didn't show a great deal in the interstate game, but on his own criteria, he should not use one game as an indication. Past records must be taken into account and there is no way the two keepers named in the additions are in the same class as Kim Wishart."

Gilroy claimed the addition of six Melbourne players was "another example of Sydney and Melbourne trying to squeeze out the rest of Australian Soccer".

"This underlines that all along he (Arok) had no intention of listening to advice from other places. He is not giving Queensland players the respect they deserve," Gilroy said.

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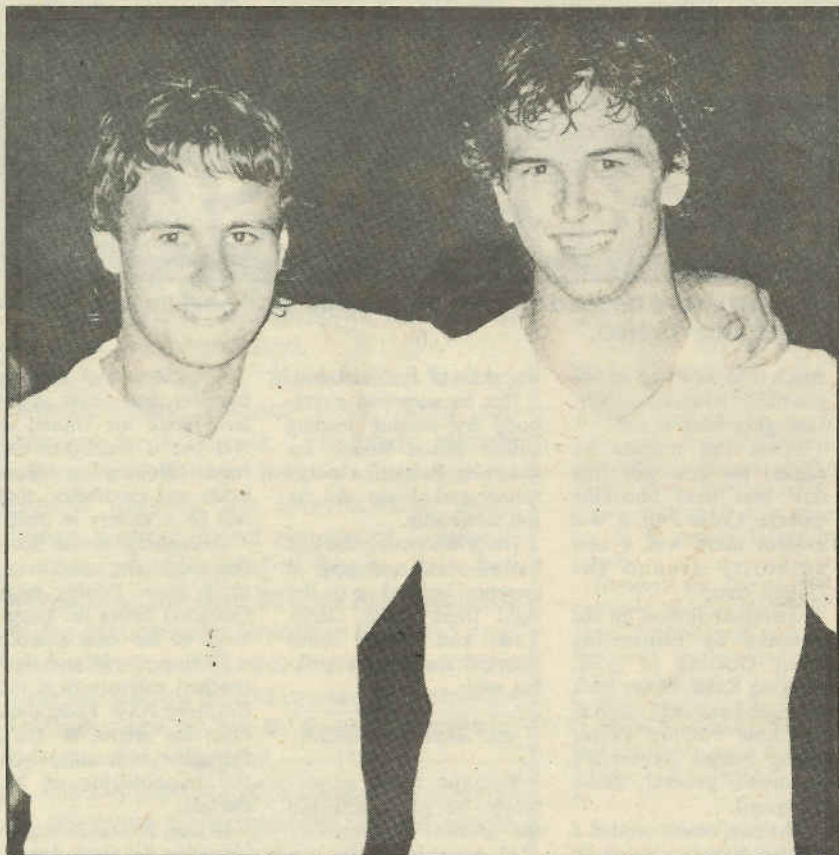
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'SNIFFER' ARRIVES

GRAEME FLETCHER is quickly becoming one of the most exciting young players to emerge on the national Soccer scene in recent years.

His speed and ability to beat opponents are a delight to watch — but his main asset is that he can score goals.

He is becoming known at Sydney City as "Sniffer" — a nickname reserved for those players with that uncanny ability to score goals out of nothing, and that is a commodity that clubs all over the world will spend their last dollar to secure.

But having said all that, Graeme still has a few rough edges. When these are ironed out then the name of Graeme "Sniffer" Fletcher will really be known to all in the game.

At the moment he is improving with every game and there is no doubt in my mind he will finish well up the goalscoring charts this year.

Here is a player bubbling with talent.

Although he has played mainly in midfield, he has been one of the team's stars in recent weeks and he now looks to have made the left-back spot his very own.



BY JOE WATSON

ALTHOUGH Fletcher is grabbing the headlines by scoring goals, another young player starting to throw his weight around at Sydney City is Jean-Paul De Marigny.

Jean-Paul has excellent skills and, being a natural left footer, is a valuable asset to have on the left side.

Jean-Paul, like Sniffer, is improving with every game and is certain to make a name for himself at the club.

ACTION MUST BE TAKEN

REFEREES have been coping some abuse from spectators at National League grounds recently.

You may say there is nothing new in that. But I believe the time to take action is when first signs of violence appear. Those signs have been apparent in the last week or two.

So let us not delay in nipping the problem in the bud before it blooms into something really nasty.

It would be a tragedy if Australia experienced the sort of crowd violence that was felt by referees in Portugal not long ago.

In a match in Oporto between Leixoes and Gil Vicente, referee Ruivo refused to award a penalty to Leixoes.

The supporters of that club came on to the ground, causing Ruivo and his linesmen to seek refuge behind the barred door of their dressing room.

Even then they were not safe from the hooligans.

The door was broken down and the officials were beaten up by the mob. The injured ref and his linesmen were taken to hospital.

Because of that disgraceful business, Portuguese referees decided they would refuse to control

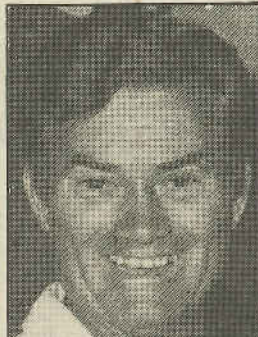
INCIDENTALLY, out of the Slickers' current squad of 15 players, 10 are Australian-born — a credit to Eddie Thomson and the club.

The other day I watched a replay of the 1974 Grand Final between Hakoah and St George.

The Hakoah team that took the field that day contained no less than seven imports.

That shows how things have changed.

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BY TONY BOSKOVIC

matches in future unless they were given adequate protection from the fans.

Could this happen in Australia?

Some people believe it couldn't. They are kidding themselves.

Any spectator who is capable of throwing a bottle or a loaded can at a referee or linesman is capable of coming over the fence to throw a punch.

Bottles and cans HAVE been thrown at matches here this year. Fortunately, refs have not collected any punches.

Not yet, anyway.

The NSL should have a thorough investigation of all instances of crowd disturbances. Only a few idiots in every club cause the trouble.

I am sure they can be spotted, sorted out, and refused admittance to future games.

It would also be a good idea to appeal for more police at matches. Three or four policemen are bound to be outnumbered by rioting fans if those fans turn ugly and really mean business.

The first step is for the NSL to instruct every club to control its supporters. Difficult? Of course, but not impossible.

And if clubs cannot keep the mob in order, the next step could be disciplinary

action against such clubs.

I repeat, most of the trouble at our 1984 games has been fairly minor and, in most cases, club officials have worked hard to eliminate it.

But I repeat . . . now is the time for the NSL, and State Leagues, to remedy the problem in its early stages.

Heaven help us from the dreadful behaviour of people like those Portuguese spectators.

EVANS OUT FOR LIONS

BRISBANE LIONS goalkeeper Wayne Evans could be sidelined for up to six weeks after breaking a finger in the match against Sydney City at Richlands.

Evans may need surgery to properly mend the break.

Evans broke the ring finger of his left hand when he grabbed for a loose ball during Lions' 0-2 loss to the Slickers. The former Blacktown United keeper apparently got his hand between the ball and the oncoming boot of a Sydney City player.

The bone was snapped completely which required doctors to plaster his hand

and wrist, rather than the usual practice of strapping the broken finger to the next.

His place in Lions goal was been taken by former Queensland squad keeper Robbie Farrow, who was signed by the club from Acacia Ridge only days before the accident.

Evans is the fourth Lions import this season to be seriously injured.

Former Canberra striker Phil Redmond recently underwent an operation on his cruciate ligament.

Former Tasmanian player John Charlton is only now returning after breaking a bone in his foot.

Another import, David Cork (from Melbourne), missed several games with a muscle injury.

CAN KATHOLOS FIT IN?

THE late reinstatement of Peter Katholos into the Australian national squad may be as a result of his good recent form or coach Frank Arok's decision to appease the press.

Either way, it gives Katholos the chance to force his way back onto the international scene, though it does seem apparent that he will have to perform exceptionally well to please the Australian boss.

Several of Sydney's top coaches consider that, in some ways, Katholos is a luxury few teams can afford.

"A tanner-ball player," as the Scots say, with limited vision, without the pace to get past players and consequently runs too far often across the field instead of toward goal.

When Katholos was at St George, the then coach, Raul Blanco, tried to persuade him to develop more one-touch and two-touch play in his game.

Katholos was never quite able to adapt to that style.

He has a passion for

controlling the ball. He wants it at his feet all the time, stroking it, caressing it, running with it, finishing with hard crosses and explosive shots.

His move into the forward-line with Sydney Olympic has brought him goals and has certainly freed him of the midfield marking and pressuring chores which he has never really relished.

Whether he can operate as a genuine forward at international level is another matter.

His best role would seem to be suited to backing up two front strikers, coming from behind to exploit his dribbling and shooting skills.

Whether Australia will be able to afford the luxury of such an attacking midfield-cum-striker in the tough games ahead is another matter.

Jim Patikas, also of



BY MIKE JOHNSON

Sydney Olympic, provides this role in his club side.

He is a strong running player, powerful when going forward, in the style of Terry McDermott, who played the same role at Liverpool, later to be replaced by Craig Johnston, whose position is now under threat from John Wark.

A player's style can

have a significant bearing on whether he makes it into the national team.

The national team coach looks at his players, looks at the standard of the opposition then decides on a particular team formation and team style to counter that.

One player, whose overall game may be inferior to that of another, can often make the team because he fits into a particular team role which the coach requires for his overall team style or strategy.

The 11 best players do not necessarily make the best team.

The question of balance must always be answered.

There must be a right balance of individual playing styles which complement one another.

The correct psychological balance must also be found.

A team of thinkers may lack passion and commitment.

A team of extroverts may be devoid of composure and tactical awareness.

It can be these considerations which can put which can put players like Tony Henderson and Katholos on the outer, despite having been stars in a different team setting against different quality opposition in Singapore.

However, consistent high standard performances, week in week out, can put pressure on any coach to look at modifying his team thoughts to possibly accommodate someone who was not originally in his team plans.

For Katholos and Henderson, a continuity of this form, each day at training, will be needed to convince Arok that his original team thoughts were wrong and that somehow a place has to be found for the newcomers.

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CARTER WON'T GIVE UP HOPE

BY ANDREW PASCHALIDIS

MARCONI defender Paul Carter would rank as one of Australia's unluckiest players.

Carter's hopes of playing for either the Australian A or B side in the international series were shattered when he was rejected from both sides last week.

Carter, who transferred to Marconi from Leichhardt at the beginning of the season, was disappointed with his non-selection.

Depressing

"It's very depressing to miss out," Carter said.

"I've been in a few training squads but always seem to miss out.

"They always say you need a bit more experience but how can I get that experience if I always miss the final selections?"

Marconi and ex-national coach Les Scheinflug was disappointed with Carter's non-selection, but is positive the youngster will not be overlooked in the future.

"I'm disappointed for him but I know he will bounce back," Scheinflug said.

"He is a young and dedicated fellow with tonnes of natural ability. There aren't too many good

young full-backs like Carter going around."

Carter is another fine product from the Auburn nursery in the NSW State League. Brett Woods (Sydney Croatia), Mick McLaughlin (Blacktown City) and Tommy McCulloch and Rod Brown (Marconi) also came through to first grade football with Auburn.

In fact, Brown has played with and against Carter since the age of six!

Born in 1963, Paul started playing Soccer with the Revesby Workers club at six. After a seven-year stay he moved to Auburn.

Promoted

He worked his way through the junior and lower grades and at 17 was promoted to the first grade team.

Carter made the NSW squad to play Victoria in 1980 — a squad that consisted of State League players only. He travelled with the team to Melbourne but didn't play.

The following season he moved to Leichhardt after Vic Dalglish, who coached Carter at Auburn, recom-



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mended him to Willie Wallace.

Carter remembers his

first two games for Leichhardt vividly.

"My debut was against Canberra and we won 4-0 at Lambert Park," Carter said.

"The second game was an Italian derby against rivals Marconi. That day I had to mark Eddie Krncevic. I couldn't beat him in the air but I think I

matched him on the ground."

As well as being introduced to NSL football that year, Carter was selected in the NSW U19 team and was in the preliminary squad of 40 players to represent Australia in the 1981 World Youth Championship.

However, Carter was to suffer the second setback of his career.

"I made the squad of 40 players after the Australian Championships but I was forced out of Soccer for six months with a knee injury.

"I returned from injury playing in the Youth League, but was out of the limelight and consequently I missed out," Carter said.

Reinstated

It wasn't until halfway through the 1982 season and a 1-7 defeat at the hands of Wollongong City that Carter was reinstated to the first XI — to stay.

Last year he had two further letdowns.

He was selected in the NSW squad to play Queensland in Brisbane but missed out, and was also in line to travel with the Socceroos in their defence of the Merlion Cup in Singapore.

"I was disappointed about missing out on the State team, but my dream has always been to play for Australia," he said.

"I thought I did well at the Australian training camp after a great season last year.

"I suppose I'm just one



PAUL CARTER: pictured during a preliminary Socceroo camp held at St George Stadium

of those people who just can't seem to get there," Carter concluded.

Paul Carter is determined that this latest set-

back will not dent his hopes of representing Australia.

As he says, "you only learn from experience."



MICKY CROSS challenges Sydney Croatia's Wally Savor

CROSS DOESN'T GET CREDIT HE DESERVES

BY BRAD EARL

THERE are many players in Soccer who don't get the publicity they deserve.

And one who rarely hits the headlines is Micky Cross.

As captain and left full-back for Penrith City in the National League, Cross is having a fine season.

In fact, he has been a first-team regular ever since he arrived in Australia from England to play for Sydney Olympic in 1977.

Off the field, Cross is the type of person who has a friendly word for everyone.

He is a popular yet unassuming character, and that, along with his dedication, has led to his appointment as captain at

Olympic, Melita and Penrith.

Cross led Olympic and Melita to trophy victories in the NSW State League.

In 1980 it was the Ampol Cup and Grand Final with Olympic, and last year it was the cliff-hanger championship success with the Eagles.

However, his future reached the crossroads at the end of last season.

Negotiations with Melita were unsatisfactory, so he asked to be transferred.

"There was no disharmony with the club or coach Raul Blanco," Cross said. "I couldn't speak highly enough of them."

He was snapped up by Penrith City — and then watched as Melita paid out a \$10,000 transfer fee for his replacement at left-back, Howard Tredinnick.

Cross last played in the premier competition with Olympic in 1981 under Tommy Docherty and then Doug Collins.

He played predominantly as a midfielder in his days at Olympic, with some games at left-back, but it was at Melita last year that he settled permanently into a defensive role.

"Raul said that I could be a better left-back for Melita at the start of last season," Cross said.

Now, back in the National League with the Panthers, Cross is shining in that position.

He has been given the job of marking a specific opponent. Young national team prospects Robbie Slater and Frank Farina were two players bottled up very well by Cross recently.

"When coach Willie Wallace tells me who I'm marking each week, I don't worry about names or reputations," he said.

Cross, 28, believes Penrith City has great potential for the future in the playing ranks.

"Brian Jackson and Ian Wotherspoon are only 23, Ian Hunter is 22, Mike Gibson 21, David Fitzharris and Paul Daley 19, and David Hale is only 18," he said.

And the club couldn't have wished for a better captain than Micky Cross.



ROUND UP

ARROWS BEATEN

TWO goals in one minute by Shane Clinch and Graham Arnold gave Sydney Croatia the points against Canberra Arrows at Bruce Stadium.

That goal burst came in the opening seven minutes and Arrows only goal in the 2-1 defeat did not arrive until the 86th minute. Hilton Phillips scored it.



GRAHAM ARNOLD

ALSTON WILL EXPERIMENT

BY KEITH GILMOUR

WOLLONGONG CITY coach Adrian Alston vowed that he would make at least two experimental changes in the team to play Newcastle in the NSL Cup tomorrow night after suffering a 2-0 defeat to Blacktown City at the Gabbie Stadium.

Certainly Alston couldn't blame Alex Bundalo for the fact that Blacktown's midfield got on top in the second half.

The youngster turned out after playing five games in the previous five days for the NSW Youth team in Canberra. It would have been kinder to have left him on the bench and used Phil Kerr throughout.

Aided by a stiff downfield breeze, Blacktown's hard-grafting Stuart Selva opened the scoring in the ninth minute, and in the 56th, Mike McLaughlin sealed the result.

No other result was

thinkable over the 90 minutes but the Wolves did have their chances late in the first half and early in the second.

Blacktown had the players to handle Casey De Bruin's match tactics extremely well even in the absence of the injured Phil O'Connor, who should be playing in a fortnight.

Once Selva switched to the left, he scored with a powerful left-footer.

De Bruin forced Wolves central defender Ray Vlietstra to come too far forward and this tactic opened up Wollongong's defence at the right moment.

McLaughlin's 56th minute goal in the gloom swung through the air to evade Natch Vardareff's right hand and glide inside the post.

Man of the Match for Blacktown was Adam Sandy but the industrious Gary Byrne was not far behind.

BLACKTOWN CITY: Hoare, Wheatley, Rasmussen, Dunleavy, Pointer, Selva, Berry, Byrne, Sandy, Larkin (Thornthwaite 71), McLaughlin.

WOLLONGONG: Vardareff, Green, Fleming, Willis, Vlietstra, Condram (Farrell 67), Beggs, Bun-

dalo, Fontana, Kotamanidis, Gaffney (Kerr 80).

REFEREE: R.Lorenc. CROWD: 1,102.

ADAM SANDY:
Blacktown's man
of the match



HEIDELBERG GO TO TOP

BY DAVID BECK

HEIDELBERG overcame the shock of an early goal to down underdogs Newcastle Rosebud 2-1 at Olympic Village.

The win hoisted Heidelberg to top spot in the National Conference on goal difference from Brunswick Juventus who lost to Sunshine George Cross 3-0.

Heidelberg right full-back Ian McKie almost gave the game away in the second minute. The experienced defender headed the ball back to his goalkeeper unaware of the presence of Newcastle striker Derek Todd, who intercepted the back-pass and slotted the ball in the net to give his team an unexpected early lead.

Although Heidelberg started favourites, they failed to live up to their reputation.

Their performance was average, particularly in the first half in which they created very few scoring opportunities.

Their luck changed in the second half, immediately after the resumption when Mike Valentine headed home a free-kick by Charlie Yankos.

Heidelberg were unlucky not to have

scored in the 65th minute when Valentine went forward and rattled the post with a powerful shot.

Impressive Heidelberg striker Scott Patterson scored the winning goal two minutes before full time from the penalty spot. Meier brought Patterson down inside the box and the referee pointed to the penalty spot. Patterson converted.

Newcastle created few real scoring opportunities.

Apart from the goal, the other scoring chances came in the 22nd minute when Jeff Olver spilled the ball in the path of a Newcastle forward who failed to push it into the net.

HEIDELBERG: Olver, McKie, Marley, Yankos, McLeod, Valentine, Selemidis, Petersen (Angele 46), Patterson, Winn, Tzitzis.

NEWCASTLE: Gosling, Meier, Power, Boogaard, Davies, Senkalski, Brandt, Kerby, Milosevic, Todd, Jones.

REFEREE: B.Upjohn. CROWD: 4,000.

HOME WIN BREAKS DROUGHT

BRISBANE CITY broke their run of 12 games without a win at home when they outplayed South Melbourne to score a 1-0 victory at Spencer Park.

City have not won at home since they beat Leichhardt 3-2 on July 10 last year. But a total commitment from the entire team — something that had been missing for a long time in the City make-up — was enough to make the 13th match far from unlucky.

BY GREG RUSSELL

City's match plan was simple. Coach Joe Gilroy told his players that if they showed even the slightest hesitation, South Melbourne "would grind them into the ground."

That made for all-out attack from the start, and City, playing at times with five strikers, created four chances in the first nine minutes.

South hit back with two well-worked moves which produced top-class saves from City keeper Kim Wishart.

The much-awaited winning City goal came in the 25th minute. And the team had South goalkeeper Gary Clayton largely to thank.

Gary Bromfield, who was among his team's best, made

a strong break down the left and fired a high cross into the penalty area. The cross looped too close to the goal and it seemed a simple take for Clayton.

But to everyone's surprise he attempted to punch clear, missed the ball completely, and the cross fell into the net.

Counting chances, the game could have ended 5-3 to City. Both teams hit the woodwork twice and Doug Brown had two attempts miraculously saved by Wishart.

But City had the greater will-to-win, and it was pleasing to see players of the calibre of Frank Pimblett, Bobby Hamilton and Stephen Glockner back to their best.

BRISBANE CITY: Wishart, Fabrizio, Liddell, Milovanovic, Bromfield, Swan, Pimblett, Hamilton, Glockner, Mengotti, Hughes (Falco 75).

SOUTH MELBOURNE: Clayton, Russell, Blair, Yzendoorn, Kalafatis, Crino (Kanesoulis 80), Halford, Davidson, Egan, Brown, Murphy.

REFEREE: B.Monteverde. CROWD: 1,500.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

TEAM	AGGREGATE							HOME							AWAY						
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	W	D	L	F	A	Pts		
H'BERG.....	12	6	3	3	21	14	15	4	1	1	15	9	9	2	2	6	5	6			
BRUNSWICK.....	12	7	1	4	18	19	15	4	1	2	10	9	9	3	0	2	8	10	6		
PRESTON.....	12	5	4	3	20	15	14	2	3	1	11	7	7	3	1	2	9	8	7		
STH MELB.....	12	5	2	5	16	11	12	3	2	2	10	5	8	2	0	3	6	6	4		
WEST AD.....	12	5	2	5	21	20	12	4	0	2	16	5	8	1	2	3	5	15	4		
MELB. CROATIA.....	12	4	4	4	17	20	12	2	2	1	6	5	6	2	2	3	11	15	6		
BRIS. CITY.....	12	4	3	5	9	13	11	1	3	3	3	6	5	3	0	2	6	7	6		
AD. CITY.....	12	4	2	6	12	12	10	2	2	3	8	7	6	2	0	3	4	5	4		
GR. GULLY.....	12	3	4	5	11	16	10	2	2	2	8	8	6	1	2	3	3	8	4		
FOOTSCRAY.....	12	3	3	5	11	15	9	0	1	4	2	8	1	3	2	2	9	7	8		
BRIS. LIONS.....	12	2	4	6	11	18	8	0	3	3	5	11	3	2	1	3	6	7	5		
SUNSHINE.....	12	2	2	8	6	25	6	1	1	4	3	6	3	1	1	4	3	19	3		

AUSTRALIAN CONFERENCE

SYD. CITY.....	12	8	3	1	34	9	19	3	1	0	16	3	7	5	2	1	18	6	12
PARRA-MELITA.....	12	6	5	1	14	9	17	2	3	1	7	6	7	4	2	0	7	3	10
OLYMPIC.....	12	6	4	2	24	12	16	2	1	2	10	9	5	4	3	0	14	3	11
LEICHHARDT.....	12	6	3	3	19	14	15	5	0	2	11	6	10	1	3	1	8	8	5
BLACKTOWN.....	12	6	3	3	19	17	15	4	2	1	12	7	10	2	1	2	7	10	5
MARCONI.....	12	5	2	5	27	18	12	4	0	2	15	7	8	1	2	3	12	11	4
S. GEORGE.....	12	4	4	4	13	14	12	2	3	2	9	10	7	2	1	2	4	4	5
PENRITH.....	12	4	4	4	17	21	12	3	1	2	11	15	7	1	3	2	6	6	5
CANBERRA.....	12	5	0	7	23	19	10	3	0	2	13	7	6	2	0	4	10	12	4
SYD. CROATIA.....	12	3	4	5	15	22	10	0	1	4	3	12	1	3	3	1	12	10	9
NEWCASTLE.....	12	4	1	7	15	25	9	3	1	1	9	6	7	1	0	6	6	19	2
W'WONG.....	12	2	3	7	10	25	7	2	1	3	6	10	5	0	2	4	4	15	2

RESULTS

BRISBANE CITY 1 (Bromfield) SOUTH MELBOURNE 0 at Spencer Park. Crowd: 1,500.

MELBOURNE CROATIA 1 (Brogan) GREEN GULLY 0 at Olympic Park. Crowd: 2,000.

PRESTON 5 (Lucchesi 4, Heys) WEST ADELAIDE 1 (Konstandopoulos) at Connor Reserve. Crowd: 4,000.

HEIDELBERG 2 (Valentine, Patterson) NEWCASTLE 1 (Todd) at Heidelberg. Crowd: 3,000.

ADELAIDE CITY 2 (Maxwell, Villani) FOOTSCRAY 0 at Olympic Sports Field. Crowd: 423.

SUNSHINE 3 (R.McLaren, D.McLaren, Bennett) BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS 0 at Chaplin Reserve. Crowd: 2,500.

LEICHHARDT 1 (Gray) PENRITH CITY 0 at St George Stadium. Crowd: 2,560. (Double-header).

ST GEORGE 1 (Marton) SYDNEY CITY 4 (Kosmina 3, Kay) at St George Stadium. Crowd: 2,560 (Double-header).

BLACKTOWN 2 (Selva, McLaughlin) WOLLONGONG 0 at Toongabbie. Crowd: 1,102.

MARCONI 1 (Lowe) BRISBANE LIONS 0 at Marconi Stadium. Crowd: 1,352.

PARRAMATTA MELITA 0 SYDNEY OLYMPIC 0 at Melita Stadium. Crowd: 6,732.

SYDNEY CROATIA 2 (Clinch, Arnold) CANBERRA 1 (Phillips) at National Sports Centre. Crowd: 2,511.

TOP SCORERS

- 12 — Kosmina (S. City)
- 9 — Katholos (SO)
- 8 — Patterson (H), Doug Brown (SM)
- 7 — Sweeney (BJ), Farina (CA), Lowe (Mar), Marton (St G), Konstandopoulos (WA)
- 6 — Winn (H), Bradley (L), Brandt (NR), Wotherspoon (PC), Fletcher (S. City), Arnold (S. Cr), Soper (SO)



AROK'S LAUGHING ... AND CRYING!

BY TOM ANDERSON

SOC CEROO coach Frank Arok didn't know whether to laugh or cry after St George had been downed 4-1 by Sydney City at St George Stadium on Sunday.

For on one hand Arok's beloved Saints had been walloped.

Yet it had come about by the key players of his national team to meet Manchester United at the SCG on Saturday — namely John Kosmina, Joe Watson, Jim Cant, Steve O'Connor and Alex Robertson.

Kosmina grabbed a hat-trick for the Slickers and looked ultra-smart with Paul Kay on hand to get the fourth while Des Marton got Saints consolation.

But Arok must also have been rather perplexed as a number of the Slickers' national team players complained of injuries during last week's Socceroo training camp yet looked very fit on Sunday.

Maybe Arok's assistant coach and Slickers boss Eddie Thomson has a magic potion up his sleeve.

One big worrying point was the performance of Saints' first choice Socceroo goalkeeper Terry Greedy who took the field

with a badly infected leg.

Greedy, who had been given a course of antibiotic injections the day before the game and pain-killers hours before taking the field, was far from fit and had a day he will want to forget in a hurry.

When the final whistle blew Slickers deserved their win which further consolidated their position on the top of the competition ladder.

ST GEORGE: Greedy; Stone, Ratcliffe, M.O'Shea, Koczka; Barton, J.O'Shea, Ricoy, Mar-

ton; Slater, Batten (Petkovski 70).

SYDNEY CITY: Pezzano; Cant, Robertson, Gomez (O'Connor 65), De Marigny; Watson, Kay, Barnes, Fletcher (Lee 75); Murray, Kosmina.

REFEREE: P.Rampley. CROWD: 2,560.

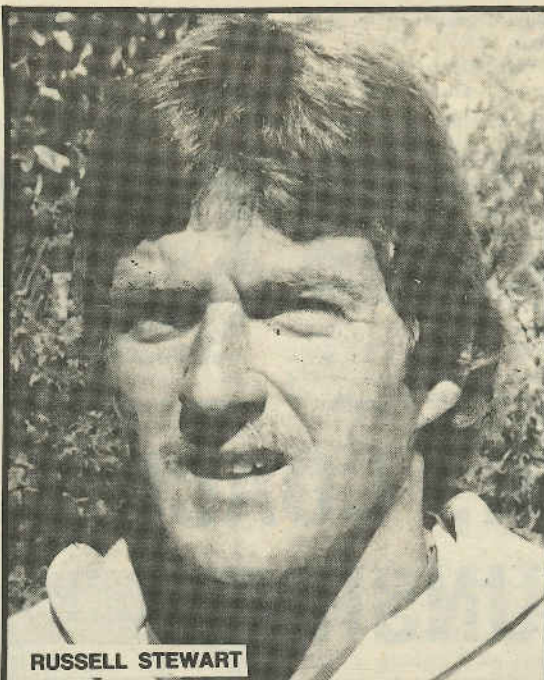
St George defender Mike O'Shea (left) can't stop hat-trick hero John Kosmina



MARCONI HOLD ON FOR NARROW WIN

BY BRAD EARL

BRISBANE LIONS failed to convert their second half dominance into goals as they went down 0-1 to Marconi at Marconi Stadium.



RUSSELL STEWART

With Harry Noon's future as Lions coach reportedly in doubt, the young Queenslanders turned in a gutsy effort, and in fact outplayed Marconi for long periods.

Their failure to penetrate in attack, however, was due to the lack of an experienced striker, particularly with Socceroo Danny Wright out injured.

Marconi took the lead in the third minute when David Lowe, with his back to goal, flicked the ball into goal with the outside of his foot from six metres.

Marconi had their chances in the first half, but didn't seem to be putting their game together.

The Stewart brothers, John and Russell, controlled the middle of the park, well supported by the two 19-year-old central defen-

ders Alan Hunter and Roddy Vasquez.

The closest Lions came to scoring was in the 57th minute when Russell Stewart rattled the crossbar with a 25 metre shot.

Marconi coach Les Scheinflug said his side deserved to win, but called for more consistency from his players.

"We didn't function well in midfield," Scheinflug said.

MARCONI: James; Carter, Rizzotto, Henderson, Calderan; Carbone, Mason, McCulloch; Jankovics, Brown, Lowe.

BRISBANE LIONS: Farrow; Jackson, Niven, Vasquez, Hunter; Ogden (Daunt 84), R.Stewart, J.Stewart, Cairney; Junna, Fulton.

REFEREE: T.Seacy. CROWD: 1,352.



Sydney City captain Murray Barnes towers over St George's Pedro Ricoy

DEFENCE EARNS A POINT

BY ANDREW PASCHALIDIS



Melita striker Billy Griffiths (right) in action against Sydney Olympic

THE game that got away. That's how you would describe Sydney Olympic's 0-0 draw against second placed Parramatta Melita before a record crowd of 6,732 at Melita Stadium.

Olympic created enough chances to win the game but strong defensive work by the Melita backline of Col McAusland, Howard Tredinnick, Bobby McGinn and Kenny Wilson — before he was substituted with an ankle injury — held them at bay.

Melita coach Raul Blanco praised the defensive effort of his team.

"Olympic had the upper hand in attacking movements but our defence kept them at bay," he said.

"You must give the defence credit for the way they applied themselves against an Olym-

pic front line full of national players."

On the other hand Olympic coach Manfred Schaefer was disappointed with his team's performance — especially in attack.

"I was happy with the way our midfield combination of Phillips, Theodorakopoulos and Raskopoulos controlled the middle of the park," he said.

"But how on earth are our national players (Soper, Katholos and Patikas) going to score goals against Juventus, Manchester United and the other teams in the international series if they can't score against Melita?"

Alex McPherson, who has conceded nine goals in 12 games for Melita, continued his fine form with some telling saves.

In the 51st minute, Nick Theodorakopoulos, who has proved to be a worthwhile acquisition for Olympic, blasted the ball from eight metres which McPherson brilliantly saved low down.

In the 77th minute Peter Katholos forced McPherson to parry the ball for a corner. From the corner kick Katholos received the ball at the edge of the area and his well driven shot rattled the woodwork.

Melita's best chance to score was created by Wilson in the 44th mi-

nute. He played the ball through for Dennis Duarte on the left and his acute shot was cleared just off the goaline by Graham Jennings.

PARRAMATTA-MELITA: McPherson, McAusland, Tredinnick (Davies 88), McGinn, Wilson (McDonald 68), Allan, Jamieson, Farugia, Duarte, Griffiths, Johnston.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier, Rogers, Jennings, Lambropoulos (Koussas 68), Coady, Phillips, Raskopoulos, Patikas, Soper, Katholos, Theodorakopoulos.

CROWD: 6,732. REFEREE: G. Power.



ROUND UP



Penrith goalkeeper Mike Gibson

LUCCHESI HITS

BY ROGER VERNON

PRESTON bounced back into contention by hammering West Adelaide 5-1 at Connor Reserve.

Peter Ollerton's team functioned like a firing squad to defy the critics who predicted a mediocre season for the injury-riddled side.

Preston's talented forward Claude Lucchesi emerged the hero, scoring four of the goals.

Lucchesi netted the first goal in the 26th minute, hammering the ball home from close range after Odzakov had found the bar with a powerful shot.

Preston led 1-0 until the 49th minute when Lucchesi struck for the second time. He drove the ball

into the net when Wests failed to clear a Graham Heys corner.

A powerful volley on the turn in the 54th minute gave Lucchesi his first hat-trick for the season, and the hungry striker completed his scoring four minutes later, beating Gary Sproul with a ground shot from inside the area.

Heys netted the fifth goal in the 75th minute amid continuous applause by the 4,000 enthusiastic Preston supporters.

George Konstantopoulos scored West's

solitary goal right on full-time.

PRESTON: Potter, Petrovski, Dobson, Dunn, McMillan, Opasinas, Ilioski, Odzakov, Heys, Cole, Lucchesi.

WEST ADELAIDE: Sproul, Papazoglou (Mousoulas 50), McGregor, McGachey, Honeyman, Brown, Manou (Baker 64), Stamatiopoulos, Constantopoulos, Malavazos, Panagis.

REFEREE: S. Zoumas. **CROWD:** 4,000.



NEW PLAYER, COACH INSPIRE SUNSHINE

BY HARRY HALL

A MIDWEEK change of coach provided the spark Sunshine George Cross needed to fire after a series of miserable results in their first year in the National League.

Bill Wilkinson was appointed to replace Tom Traynor, who gave his resignation to the committee after last week's game.

Sunshine produced the upset of the round, soundly defeating Brunswick Juventus 3-0 at Chaplin Reserve.

Despite the win, their performance left a lot to be desired.

And it was a triumph for the McLaren brothers.

Ross McLaren arrived from the UK on Saturday morning and made his debut the following day. He impressed greatly with his skill and aggressiveness.

Ross is the captain of Shrewsbury Town and he'll be staying in Australia until the new season commences in England.

He gave George Cross the lead shortly before half-time from the penalty spot. He was brought down inside the area and converted from the spot.

Brother Don McLaren scored the second goal and set up Gerry Bennett's goal.

While George Cross were celebrating their remarkable win, Juventus

were holding a post-mortem.

GEORGE CROSS: Costello, Bennett, Taylor, O'Reilly, Scerri, Bain, Campelj, R. McLaren (Pape 78), Toal, D. McLaren, Latif.

JUVENTUS: Keogh, Geremia, Campbell, Bannan, Lloyd (Swinscoe 63), Rogers, Cullen, Miranda, Sweeney, Ward, Zinni.

REFEREE: J. Fokianos. **CROWD:** 2,500.

DON McLAREN (George Cross)



APIA BACK IN WINNING MOOD

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

LEICHHARDT-APIA, after two successive losses, burst back onto the winning list when they defeated Penrith City 1-0 at the St George Stadium, after missing three scoring chances in the last 10 minutes.

Midfielder Ian Gray scored for APIA in the 24th minute when he sliced a way through Penrith's defence, after latching on a nice through-ball from sweeper Mark Pullen.

Penrith's giant stopper, the ever-reliable Davie McIntosh, kept APIA's target-man, Kerry Caban, under close surveillance throughout the match.

Penrith's skipper, Mick Cross, at left-back, also had a solid match, but was badly beaten in the last two minutes by little striker Johnny Bradley.

Penrith's midfield of Fitzharris, Wotherspoon and Ainsworth held their own for most of the first half

against APIA's more experienced Gray, Butler and Tredinnick.

Penrith broke strongly on the left in the 55th minute, when Cross overlapped and whipped into the box a hot cross for Roy Cotton. But Cotton lingered far too long on it before being shut down by Arno Bertogna and goalkeeper Bobby Parkes.

APIA's strength powered through in the last 10 minutes of the match.

In the 81st minute, Bradley, from 10 metres, flicked his header well on target, but Penrith goalkeeper Mike Gibson dropped to his right to nail the ball right on the goal-line.

Best performers for

APIA were Bertogna, Bradley and Tredinnick, whilst for Penrith, Gibson, McIntosh and Peter Brogan served well.

APIA's uncharacteristically smiling coach Fil Bottalico said: "I am happy with the boys. But as you saw, we created many chances for just the one goal which can give you heart attacks."

LEICHHARDT: Parkes; Bozanic, Bertogna, Pullen, Brown; Gray, Butler, Tredinnick; Bradley, Caban (Genovese 76), De Ceglie.

PENRITH: Gibson; Brogan, McIntosh, Daley, Cross; Fitzharris (Hunter 45), Wotherspoon, Ainsworth; Nix, Cotton, Jackson.

KREFT'S SIDE ENTERTAINS

BY TOM McKAIN

ADELAIDE CITY coach Edmund Kreft is breathing freely again after his team played some attractive Soccer in the first half to beat Footscray 2-0 at Olympic Sports Field.

While guest striker David Mitchell from Scotland's Rangers did not score, he and fellow Socceroo squad member Joe Mullen hustled enough up front to have two men apiece marking them for most of the game.

This suited Kreft's plan of having his midfielders coming through to shoot.

Two of them got the goals — Steve Maxwell in the 25th minute following a Mullen cross from the left, and it was Maxwell who laid on the chance for Charlie Villani to run onto the ball and net in the 34th minute.

At the other end of the field, Cris Bekiaris forced Willie McNally to pull off a save then Zdravko Lujic blasted the ball point-blank at McNally, while in the second half home centre-back Neville Flounders cleared the ball off the line.

City died somewhat in the second period and Footscray almost got back in the match via Lujic and Jim Tansey, with the latter coming forward for most of the second half.

In fairness to Footscray, it must be pointed out that regulars Jamie Paton

(hamstring) and Joe Carroll (shoulder) could not make the trip.

Brian O'Donnell was looking good up-front, but was taken off injured in the 20th minute, and Yugoslav import Dragan Laemanovic had to take the field instead of breaking himself in by watching the match, then perhaps making a late appearance.

He was obviously still suffering jet-lag, but looked the part with some clever touches.

Now Kreft, after three defeats in a row, has the NSL Cup games to help City retain their winning act and break in two Italian imports, who should arrive this week.

ADELAIDE CITY: McNally, Cecere, Nyskohus, Gatenby, Flounders, Melta, Mitchell, Villani, Mullen, Maxwell, Rankin.

FOOTSCRAY: Boland, Tansey, Hazabent, Kyriakoulas, Curovic, Belic, Fernandez, Regroza, O'Donnell (Laemanovic 20), Lujic, Bekiaris.

REFEREE: M. Browning. **CROWD:** 2,423.

GULLY'S GOOD RUN HALTED

BY CON NIKOLOPOULOS

MELBOURNE CROATIA recorded a 1-0 victory over Green Gully at Olympic Park to end Gully's six week unbeaten record.

The goal was the only highlight of an uninspiring match and gave the 2,000 supporters little to enthuse about.

Both sides wasted their energy in midfield.

Croatia were the better side in the opening half and could have taken the lead in the 24th minute when Jeff Faulkner tore through the middle and fired a rocket that Gully keeper Lou Denys parried over the bar.

Croatia persisted attacking and in the 28th

minute David Brogan netted the winning goal. Josip Biskic attacked along the right flank, eluded two defenders and cut the ball square for the roving Brogan, who side-footed it in.

Green Gully became more enterprising in the second half and desperately tried to level the score. However, their target men, Paul Lewis and Bobby McGuinness, were nullified by Croatia's solid defence.

The closest Green Gully

came to scoring was in the 55th minute when Lewis failed to beat Peter Blasby in a goalmouth scramble. Lewis hesitated with his final shot and Cursio cleared.

For yet another week Croatia failed to impress their loyal supporters and although they maintained their mid-table position they have to work harder to remain in contention.

As for Green Gully, they look a lot sharper and determined on the field, but have not as yet

developed the "killer instinct".

MELB CROATIA: Blasby, Curcio, Parton, Adams (Cumming 54), Hannah, Antolovic, Faulkner, Biskic, Gojevic, Brogan, Lewis.

GREEN GULLY: Denys, Beranic, Hogben (Mancinelli 86), Kremers, Carter, Wade, McGuinness, Vassallo, Lewis, Smallman (McClelland 79), Williams.

REFEREE: D. Voutsinas. **CROWD:** 2,000.

IT is fitting that the great Manchester United will kick-off the finest Soccer extravaganza ever staged in Australia when they meet the Socceroos at the SCG on Saturday.

United is without doubt Australia's favourite football team and it will be a great experience to have manager Ron Atkinson and his team displaying their wares here.

The present United is a magnificent team in the mould of all great Old Trafford sides of the past.

Entertainment at all times is their motto and this is the reason they are the biggest crowd-pullers in British football.

Ron Atkinson will have it no other way and this is why he is in charge of the world's most respected club.

Whenever the name Manchester United is mentioned the names of famous players from the past come flooding back.

No doubt this infuriates the present stars who I must add, are as fine a bunch of players as ever graced a red shirt.

Throughout the world successful football clubs never dwell on the past; they plan and live for the future.

Manchester United are no exception.

I have to admit I'm an avid United fan and have been for many years.

I'm going to take a stroll down memory lane to recall three of the most talented players ever to play for a club team at the same time.

Manchester United celebrate their 1967 championship win: Bobby Charlton (with the trophy), Denis Law (next to Charlton) and George Best (second from right)

LOOKING BACK AT THE OTHER 'RED DEVILS'

FOR my money the greatest trio ever were United's Denis Law, Bobby Charlton and George Best.

I always said during my playing days that if ever I won a million dollars on the pools I would buy Law, Charlton and Best to play alongside me!

Law the Scotsman, Charlton the Englishman and Best the Irishman were exceptional and a breed apart.

They played the game of football as it was meant to be played.

The best of the trio? I might be biased, but

City lost the replay and Denis's six goals were all in vain.

He was like a bear with a sore head for weeks.

One of the greatest compliments ever paid to Denis Law came from the great Alfredo Di Stefano who was nearing the end of his distinguished career with Spanish giants Real Madrid.

Di Stefano was in London for a big FIFA game at Wembley in which he

times downright merciless, but at most times the best.

Bobby Charlton was al-

so a brilliant superstar but in a much quieter way than the Law man.

Bobby, a frequent vis-

itor to these shores, is a man of few words and was not as flamboyant as his Scottish team-mate.

However Charlton was the supreme artist on the football field and is still a very popular identity

throughout the world.

The last of the trio, George Best, is the enigma of this talented band.

George had it all, but somehow lost his way when on the pinnacle of becoming the star to end all superstars.

Best was in Australia last year and we all found him to be a charming and helpful fellow but also a rather tragic figure.

As a player he had wonderful talents but he went wrong in his career — one of the great tragedies of modern football.

Despite this, Best cut a niche for himself in United's history that nobody can take away from him.

What a trio. What an era.

No doubt 10 years from now, we will be reminiscing about the great players in Ron Atkinson's present team.

This is what football is all about ...

BY TOM ANDERSON

for me, Denis Law was The King — and this is taking nothing away from Charlton or Best.

Denis the Menace was talent unlimited, a man born to rule the Soccer fields of the world.

The son of an Aberdeen fisherman, he was like lightning in the penalty area and given the slightest of chances could whip the ball into the net with sliderule precision.

There has been no fiercer competitor ever to tread the football arena. Law played no friendly games — not even five-a-side training games.

Just after he had been transferred to Manchester City from Huddersfield, he scored all six goals in City's 6-2 win over Luton Town in an F.A.Cup tie that was abandoned late in the second half.

partnered Denis in an all-star line-up.

After the game he was asked who he thought would replace him in the Real Madrid team when he retired.

After a great deal of thought Di Stefano said "There is only one man in world football who could replace me and that man is Denis Law."

However Denis never did play in Spain — his previous spell with Torino in Italy was more than enough overseas experience for him.

On the field, Denis strutted about in magnificent fashion and it was little wonder that the Stretford end at Old Trafford christened him "The King".

In the action he was arrogant, cheeky and at

WHEN Brian Clough first entered the hazardous profession of football management, he did so with quite a bang.

He has been making loud noises ever since.

I well remember the time Clough switched from playing to managing. Serious knee injury had prematurely ended his career as a centre-forward at Sunderland and he was offered the manager's chair at unfashionable Hartlepool United.

BY DAVID JACK

Nothing wrong with that. Many a successful club boss has started out in a small way, serving his apprenticeship with one of the minor clubs.

But rookie manager Brian Clough angered many of his colleagues even before he'd signed his first player or held his first training session.

In a newspaper interview, Clough indicated that many club managers were incompetent, that the job held no fears for him and he was absolutely certain he would succeed.

I recall Sir Matt Busby saying at the time: "That young man will learn. He will regret his words."

But for once, Sir Matt was wrong.

In the managerial field, Brian Clough has enjoyed continuous success ... if we exclude his very brief spell at Leeds United.

He guided two relatively unfashionable clubs, Derby County and Nottingham Forest, to the First Division championship and into the European Cup.

With Forest, he won the greatest club trophy in the



CLOUGH

world, the European Cup, not once, but twice — in 1979 and 1980.

Off the field, he made a name for himself as one of the most controversial characters ever to grace TV Soccer.

At times, it seemed Clough was conducting a constant one-man war with the establishment ... and getting away with it.

Officialdom called for his head. At the same time, thousands of En-

glish football fans applauded Cloughie for having the courage to battle it out with the fuddy-duddy officials who resented having their old-fashioned ideas debunked by "that young upstart".

I always had the impression that Brian Clough was a man with a chip on his shoulder, carrying a grudge from his playing days into his managerial career.

If this was the case, he had good reason.

In the late 1950s, Clough was clearly the best centre-forward in England. But not in the eyes of the man who counted, England team manager Walter Winterbottom.

At the time, Winterbottom placed enormous faith in a player called Derek Kevan, a big blond Number 9 from West Bromwich Albion whose talent was limited.

The public cried out for Clough to lead the England forward-line. Instead that job was given to Kevan.

But that was a long time ago. I cannot imagine Brian Clough still harbours any ill-feeling towards the English FA — if, in fact, he ever did.

Maybe I'll ask him in the next few days.

WELCOME FOREST—AND CLOUGHIE

Brian Clough arrives in Australia this week with his Nottingham Forest team which has performed with great distinction in the 1983-84 English First Division.

In Forest's final match last Wednesday, they beat the glamorous Manchester United 2-0 ... a result which, I am sure, would have been very well received by Brian Clough.

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LAW AND BEST

JUVENTUS REIGN

JUVENTUS, the most famous Italian club, added to their 1984 championship when they defeated Porto of Portugal 2-1 in the European Cup Winners Cup Final in Basle, Switzerland.

Odds-on favourites Juventus got stuck into the Portuguese from the kick-off, with Boniek attacking from the right side for most of the first half.

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

Porto kept the magical Frenchman, Platini, in check with some tight marking, although he still managed to pump through some nice balls.

Juventus hit the lead in the 12th minute when Vignola scored with a left-foot drive from 16 metres out, from a lovely ball knocked forward by Platini. Porto's goalkeeper, Ze Beto, was largely to blame as he was caught wrong-footed, going across to cover late.

Juventus were stopped in their tracks as Porto hit back with a cracking goal in the 28th minute through striker Sousa.

Sousa smashed a 20 metre shot that took a bounce just short of the Juventus goalkeeper, Tacconi, who dropped down to his left too early, only to watch in horror as the ball bounced over the top of his outstretched arms.

Before half-time, Juventus hit their second and eventual winning goal through Boniek, when he latched onto a chipped ball from the back by Vignola. Boniek cracked a 12 metre right-footed drive as he was challenged by a defender, as well as goalkeeper Ze Beto, who came off his

line with suicidal timing.

The second half remained scoreless, although in the 60th minute, Porto's skipper and 1983 Golden Boot striker, Fernando Gomes, shaved the Juventus left goalpost with a strong header.

Juventus owed much to their captain and free-back

Scirea, who restrained his attacking qualities to keep an eye on right-back Gentile, who was not fully fit. Boniek, Platini and Vignola all performed well.

Referee, East Germany's Adolf Prokop, did not have a faultless match, as both sides were denied blatant penalties.



ACTION FROM JUVENTUS TURIN vs PORTO—Gaetano Scirea (centre), with his team-mate Sergio Brio (right), busts through Porto's Jaime Moreira's attempted tackle, during the 24th European Cup Winners' Cup Final, played before a capacity crowd of 60,000, at Basle, Switzerland.

RANGERS ON WAY BACK TO TOP

BY BRAD EARL

FROM relegation candidates to fourth place in the 10-team Scottish Premier Division and League Cup winners.

That was the story of the 1983-84 season for Glasgow Rangers.

Captain John McClelland, a central defender

and Northern Ireland international, lifted the League Cup high at Hampden Park in April after a 3-2 victory over traditional Glasgow rivals Celtic.

Hat-trick hero that day was Ally McCoist, signed in pre-season from Sunderland.

McCoist and another

striker signed in pre-season, Sandy Clark, took time to settle in, and Rangers got away to a disastrous start to the season.

However, when former club captain John Greig was replaced as manager by Jock Wallace in October, the team started a run of 22 games without defeat.

Restoring respect to Ibrox Stadium was important for Wallace, and by winning the League Cup Rangers qualified for Europe's UEFA Cup competition.

However, the number one task for next season will be to take the Premier Division title away from Aberdeen.

GREEK STAR WILL 'WAIT AND SEE'

BY TOM McKAIN

WEST ADELAIDE could be fighting a losing battle trying to sign Greek superstar Vasilis Hatzipanagis, who will be here with Iraklis for the international series against the Socceroos.

The ball wizard, who was born in Russia and played for the Soviets, has said he is willing to guest in Australia, and West has already "booked" him through ASF marketing manager Peter Sheehan — but so have almost every other Greek-backed club in Australia.

And there is no certainty Hatzipanagis will decide to play here.

According to Greek officials, he had an unfortunate stint in Canada where

players decided hacking him down was the only way to stop him, and he suffered a serious leg injury.

He has told Mr Sheehan's office that while he would like to guest he will wait until he sees what Australia is like and what type of Soccer is played here.

Meanwhile, Adelaide fans have received an international bonus with the reshuffling of the Iraklis' opening match.

They were due to play the Australia B team in

Adelaide on June 8, but because the tourists could be involved in the Greek Cup Final, they will delay their arrival in Australia.

Their Adelaide game has been rescheduled for June 22, and they will now play the Socceroo A team at Hindmarsh Stadium.

While the Greeks are not certain for the Cup Final they agreed to change their departure date so as not to upset the ASF arrangements for the international series.

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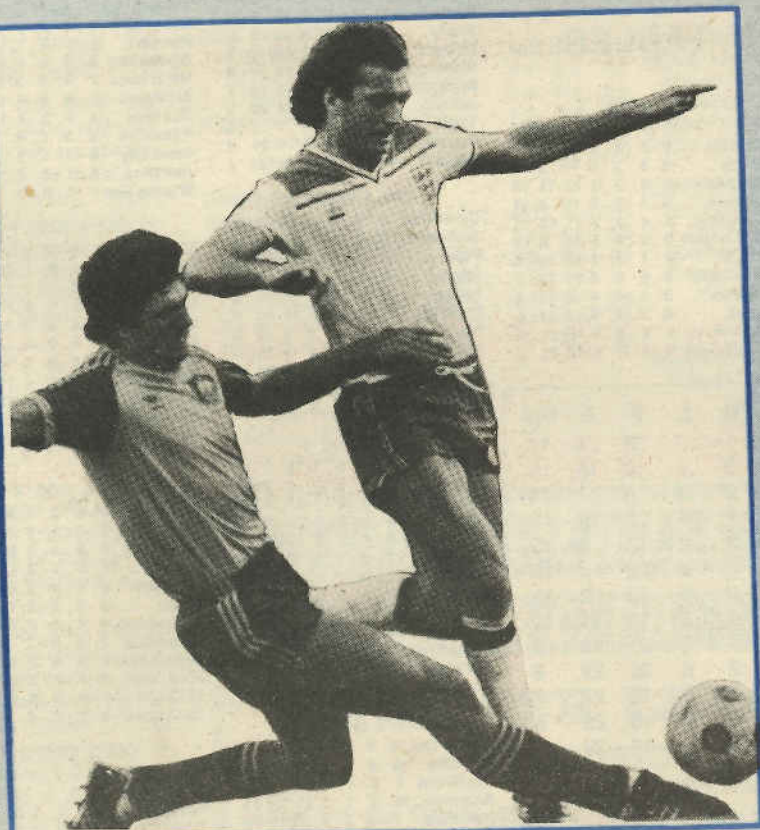
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AUSTRALIA 'B' v GLASGOW RANGERS

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Wednesday June 13, 8pm

AUSTRALIA 'B' v IRAKLIS

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AUSTRALIA 'A' v NOTT. FOREST

Tuesday June 5, 8pm

AUSTRALIA 'B' v GLASGOW RANGERS

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ADELAIDE — at Football Park

Tuesday June 12, 8pm

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MEET ASW's DON BALMAIN

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

FOR the last few years, ASW's women's Soccer correspondent has been Don Balmain.

Many of our readers have asked: "Who is that Don Balmain?"

Well, I decided to look at Don, ask him a few questions, dig a little into his background, and thus answer our readers' questions.

He readily admits, that when he first heard that women were going to attempt to break into the male code of Soccer, he was dubious about the success of such a brazen invasion into the sport. In fact, he once wrote a scathing editorial to that end.

Balmain has been actively associated with Soccer ever since he approached his sportsmaster at a strong Rugby school and asked him just why the school could not have a Soccer team.

Although unsuccessful at first, Don got his wish the following year, at 16, when he was given permission to start his Soccer team. He was the goalkeeper.

That was back in 1945. After Don left school, he got involved in weekend Soccer in Sydney, playing in the City Houses competition.

"I have never played anywhere else other than goalkeeper, as I feel that position is the most important in the defence," Don said.

Reflecting on those days, Don said: "The equipment available to us was nothing like the lightweight gear available to players today."

"I had a pair of English Soccer boots which a friend of mine sent out for me. They had reinforced toe-caps, and could have been used as miners' boots. If nothing else, they developed the muscles in my legs!"

Having the strength to punt the ball, even when it was soaking wet, from one goal area to the other penalty box, caught the eyes of the selectors for an inter-city youth tournament in 1953. Don was selected for the Sydney team.

"I'll never forget that match. We were hopelessly outclassed by a Newcastle combination who mostly played in grade games on the Saturday before turning out on the Sunday for the youth team. We lost that game 1-8, and I lost more skin that day than I care to remember," said Don.

The following year, Don Balmain got himself married to a girl called Barbara. According to Don, she would have made a great right-half if there were women's teams going those days.

"She used to tear after the balls that went out and then blast them back to a very surprised player from 25 yards back," recalls Don.

Soon after his marriage, Don was out of the game with a knee injury, which kept him out till 1957 when his son was born.

About that time, a local Soccer club, Brookvale, was about to get underway, which revived Don's interest in the code. At 26, Don made a comeback.

In those days in the Manly-Warringah district, things weren't well organised as far as ground allocations went.

"You had to get up very early on Saturday mornings to get your posts up on a vacant ground before one of the other codes of football beat you to it."

In 1963, Don enrolled his young son with the re-named club of Manly-Vale. Balmain Junior was about to make his mark on the Soccer scene with the Under 7 competition.



It was from this year that Don really became involved in coaching and administration.

He was never the coach of the top side in the age divisions in the club, because he wanted to stay near his son who played average Soccer, but loved it.

In 1965, Don was elected publicity officer for the Manly-Vale club, and stayed in that position for three years.

From that year until his son John turned 16, Don Balmain held every position on the managerial side of the Manly Vale club with the exception of treasurer and gear, steward.

Later he was appointed publicity officer for the Manly Warringah Association. He also wrote at the time for a local paper called "Soccer Post", eventually becoming the editor for a period of six years.

During this time, Leonie Parker got involved with Don on the paper, and after she convinced Don to see a couple of women's matches, he realised what potential the female code had.

It was not the kick-and-giggle stuff Don thought ladies' Soccer was all about.

Balmain became the president of the Manly-Warringah Women's Soccer Association for three years, during which time he was able to consolidate the women's code in the district.

"I was only the figurehead really, as I had a very convincing secretary in Leonie, who always seemed to turn me in the right direction with a swift ankle-tap of meetings, if I strayed," stated Don.

By 1976, with four years of local women's Soccer administration behind him, Balmain was proposed by his local Association as the president of the NSW Women's Soccer Federation.

Balmain became president of NSW for three years, and soon became vice-president of the Australian Women's Soccer Administration.

Don remembers that his hardest year was 1981 when NSW held the Australian Championships.

"If it had not been for my secretary, Noelene Stanley, who took so much of the mechanics of the running of the games away from me, I don't think I could have got it done," Don reflected.

"Apart from Noelene, I had such a wonderful bunch of people working with me as a team. Most of the associations in the NSW Federation helped me out every day."

How did all this pressure affect Don Balmain's family?

"To this day, my wife Barbara and the kids tend to shudder when they think about it. I used to come home after work to a great list of phone calls to make and it was nothing to still be making calls till very late in the night. The family used to keep out of my way a bit, I think. A bear with a sore head couldn't have matched me at times!"

Before the AGM at the Australian Championships held in Brisbane, the AWSA president approached Don to become publicity officer for the Association.

Balmain has been connected with AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY since it first started, and his columns on women's Soccer are widely read.

He was then elected and has held that position ever since.

For services to Soccer, men's and women's, Don Balmain has been elected as a Life Member to the Manly-Warringah (men's) Association, Manly-Warringah Ladies Soccer Association, Manly Vale club and the NSW Women's Soccer Federation.

What are Don Balmain's thoughts on women's Soccer today?

"It has only been going for 10 years and is growing each year with more players becoming interested in it. As with most other codes, it suffers greatly from not having enough finance to promote its growth," he said.

"Careful and capable administration is the thing that will nurse the code along. The talent is there for sure, but it has to be helped. There are girls coming along now that would run rings around some of the top State sides of latter years."

"Women's Soccer is here to stay and it is useless some people closing their eyes and hoping it will go away," concluded Don.

FALZON WANTS A JOB

PAUL FALZON, who has been involved in coaching since 1970, is looking for a club.

Falzon, who obtained his ASF senior coaching certificate in 1978, has been involved with many prominent NSW clubs since his introduction to coaching.

He started out coaching juniors with Pan Hellenic and Prague.

He then moved into senior football with the Joy amateur club as player-coach.

From 1974 to '76 he was player-coach of another amateur team, Sydney United.

Falzon then spent a fruitful one-and-a-half year period with Ryde District.

Falzon worked with many popular names in Australian Soccer during his three-year period as Melita Eagles' second grade coach.

"In 1979 I was assessed by the first grade coach Raul Blanco and he appointed me to the second grade team."

"Halfway through the year Blanco left and was replaced by current Queensland director of coaching Bruce Stowell."

"In 1980 I worked under Atti Abonyi and the following year Vic Dalgleish," he said.

"I am looking for a club in the Second or Third Division with a good junior set-up."

NSL YOUTH LEAGUE

BY PETER RUSSELL

SIXTEEN goals, three sent off and three penalties - that was the action from the National Youth League (Australian Conference).

In a thriller at the Gabby Stadium, the Blacktown Demons hung on with nine men to beat a 10-man Wolves 4-3.

With Blacktown leading 3-1 at half time with goals from Gary Hender (2) and Ashley Palmer for the Demons, and Darren Nees for the Wolves, it looked all but over for the Wolves, particularly when Ashley Palmer made it 4-1 with the second half just eight minutes old.

Then it all started; Wollongong's Craig Baker received a red card in the 57th minute, Tony Corridini pulled one back for the Wolves a minute later to make it 4-2.

Two minutes later Demons Ashley Palmer was injured and unable to continue, but the Demons had used both substitutes and so were reduced to 10

men. Four minutes later they were down to nine men when Martin Burke got his marching orders. Just to make sure we had a nail biting finish Peter Rogers scored for the Wolves in the 85th minute to make it 4-3.

At Melita Stadium, a dubious penalty was all that separated the two sides after 90 gruelling minutes of Soccer in which no fewer than seven yellow cards and one red card were handed out.

Birol Sertbas scored from the penalty spot in the 60th minute for the Eagles after the referee rather harshly adjudged that Olympic's Paul Andricopoulos had been unfairly pulled down inside the box after beating two men.

In the first game of a

double header at St George Stadium, the Leichhardt Strikers proved too strong for the enthusiastic Penrith Panthers.

Ali Jaffar opened the scoring in the 15th minute when he headed home a neat Bruno Beddoni cross.

Beddoni was again involved in the second goal, when his fierce 12 metre drive was blocked by keeper David Hayes and Ferdinand De Filippis cracked home the rebound, 2-0. Halfway through the second half it looked as though the Panthers might sneak back into the game when Don Campbell scored from the penalty spot in the 65th minute after Ian Vaughan had been pulled down.

But Bruno Beddoni got into the act again in the 83rd minute when he was on hand to slot home a loose ball after David Hayes had failed to hold a hard cross, 3-1.

In the second game of the double header, Sydney City should have got more out of a match they dominated for lengthy periods but failed to capitalise on their chances.

The Saints took the lead in the first minute after young Slickers keeper

Steve Garamy did well to smother a fierce point blank shot but Michael Grbevski cracked the rebound home, 1-0.

Chris Polias put the Saints further ahead in the 60th minute and five minutes later Brian Cokely narrowed the gap to 2-1 from the penalty spot after Alex Bottalico had been pulled down inside the area.

Chris Polias sealed it for the Saints in the 79th minute when he scored direct from a free kick just outside the Slickers area, 3-1.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
St George	12	8	1	3	33	24	17
Leichhardt	12	7	2	3	19	13	16
Melita Eagles	11	6	2	3	19	17	14
Canberra	11	6	1	4	25	19	13
Newcastle	10	5	3	2	13	9	13
AIS	9	5	2	2	22	10	12
Olympic	12	6	0	6	30	22	12
Blacktown	12	5	2	5	13	19	12
Sydney City	10	4	1	5	21	19	9
Penrith	11	3	2	6	21	29	8
Marconi	11	2	3	6	13	22	7
Croatia	12	3	0	9	15	29	6
Wollongong	11	2	1	8	16	28	5

NEXT WEEK'S MATCHES:

ROUND 1 — 27.5.84
Croatia vs Blacktown — 12.45 p.m. King Tomislav
Penrith vs St. George — 12.30 p.m. Cook Park
Canberra vs Olympic — 12.45 p.m. Bruce Stadium
Leichhardt vs Newcastle — 12.45 p.m. Marconi
Marconi vs Wollongong 3.00 p.m. Marconi Stadium
Melita Eagles vs Sydney City — T.B.A.

METROPOLITAN CHAMPIONSHIP

Epping-Eastwood (1) 9 b Prospect 0 Arncliffe Scots 8 b Epping-Eastwood (2) 1 Kilarney 3 b Wentworth 2 Sudeholme 1 b NSW WOMEN: Inter-district representatives: Open age: Gladesville-Hornsby 2 b Manly 0 Sutherland 2 b Gladesville-Hornsby (2) 1 Liverpool bye. U-17: Gladesville-Hornsby 4 b Manly 0 Holroyd 2 b Blacktown 1. U-15: Ann Gregory Cup: Liverpool 2 b Gladesville-Hornsby 0 Manly 0 drew with Sutherland 0 Holroyd bye.

OFFICIAL NSW TABLES

DIV 1 GDE 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Monaro	9	6	3	0	35	13	15
Manly	8	5	3	0	19	3	13
Rockdale	9	5	2	2	22	11	12
Auburn	9	4	3	2	10	9	11
Can-M'le	9	4	3	2	11	12	11
Sutherland	9	4	2	3	11	6	10
Polonia	9	1	4	4	10	15	6
Warrington	8	2	2	4	11	17	6
Polonia	9	1	4	4	8	14	6
Avala	9	2	2	5	9	24	6
Bankstown	9	2	1	6	10	21	5
Ku-ring-gal	9	1	3	5	10	21	5

DIV 2 GDE 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
F. Meadow	8	7	0	1	19	7	14
Bathurst	9	5	3	1	17	7	13
Dee Why	8	5	2	1	27	6	12
Blktwn Utd	9	4	2	3	22	10	11
Glades Hby	8	4	2	2	12	6	10
Nth B'twn	7	4	1	2	19	8	9
W'gong Mac	7	3	3	1	14	7	9
Rev Wkrs	7	3	2	2	14	7	8
Artarmon	10	2	3	5	15	27	7
Belmore	8	1	2	5	9	21	4
Penrith Utd	8	2	0	6	5	21	4
Uni of NSW	9	2	0	7	10	31	4
Parra City	8	1	0	7	9	32	2

DIV 2 GDE 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Blktwn Utd	9	7	1	1	33	5	15
Dee Why	8	6	1	1	25	8	13
Nth Blktwn	7	5	1	1	18	11	11
Artarmon	10	5	1	4	21	29	11
Rev Wkrs	7	4	2	1	14	6	10
W'gong Mac	7	4	1	2	17	11	9
Glades Hby	8	4	1	3	18	13	9
Belmore	8	3	0	5	12	15	6
F. Meadow	8	2	1	5	9	13	5
Penrith	8	2	1	5	13	21	5
Parra City	8	1	2	5	11	22	4
Bathurst	9	2	0	7	8	26	4
Uni of NSW	9	2	0	7	4	23	4

DIV 1 GDE 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Can-M'le	9	8	0	1	22	10	16
Sutherland	9	4	3	2	23	15	11
Bankstown	8	5	1	2	17	8	11
Ku-ring-gal	9	4	3	2	12	9	11
Manly	8	4	2	2	21	9	10
Auburn	9	3	3	3	15	14	9
Warrington	8	4	1	3	12	9	9
Rockdale	8	2	3	3	13	13	7
Monaro	9	3	0	6	14	20	6
Yugal	9	2	2	5	7	17	6
Polonia	9	1	2	6	5	21	4
Avala	9	1	2	6	7	20	4

DIV 1 GDE 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Can-M'le	8	6	1	1	19	7	13
Sutherland	8	5	2	1	22	12	12
Polonia	7	6	0	1	21	9	12
Manly	8	5	1	2	16	9	11
Auburn	7	4	0	3	15	10	8
Rockdale	8	3	0	5	11	14	6
Warrington	7	2	2	3	9	15	6
Yugal	7	2	0	5	9	18	4
Avala	9	2	0	7	17	24	4
Bankstown	7	1	2	4	6	14	4
Ku-ring-gal	8	2	0	6	7	20	4

DIV 2 GDE 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
F. Meadow	8	7	0	1	19	7	14
Bathurst	9	5	3	1	17	7	13
Dee Why	8	5	2	1	27	6	12
Blktwn Utd	9	4	2	3	22	10	11
Glades Hby	8	4	2	2	12	6	10
Nth B'twn	7	4	1	2	19	8	9
W'gong Mac	7	3	3	1	14	7	9
Rev Wkrs	7	3	2	2	14	7	8
Artarmon	10	2	3	5	15	27	7
Belmore	8	1	2	5	9	21	4
Penrith Utd	8	2	0	6	5	21	4
Uni of NSW	9	2	0	7	10	31	4
Parra City	8	1	0	7	9	32	2

DIV 2 GDE 2

Bkltwn Utd	9	7	1	1	33	5	15
Dee Why	8	6	1	1	25	8	13
Nth Bkltwn	7	5	1	1	18	11	11
Artarmon	10	5	1	4	21	29	11
Rev Wkrs	7	4	2	1	14	6	10
W'gong Mac	7	4	1	2	17	11	9
Glades Hby	8	4	1	3	18	13	9
Belmore	8	3	0	5	12	15	6
F Meadow	8	2	1	5	9	13	5
Penrith	8	2	1	5	13	21	5
Parra City	8	1	2	5	11	22	4
Belthurs	9	2	0	7	8	26	4
Unl of MSW	9	2	0	7	4	23	4



AROUND NEW SOUTH WALES

COMPILED BY ANDREW PASCHALIDIS

WARRINGAH, AUBURN SHARE THE POINTS

AT the Narrabeen Fitness Camp, Warringah-Narrabeen and Auburn-Uruguay had to be content with sharing the points in a 0-0 draw although both sides created enough chances to score in the game.

The defensive effort from both sides was excellent in the trying conditions. Warringah defender Alan Dean had a very strong game for the home team.

Auburn striker Tony OShana was in the thick of the action throughout the game. In the 14th minute he was put through by Steve Knight, turned inside a defender but shot over the bar.

In the 29th minute Jones crossed the ball to him but his shot was blocked by the Warringah goalkeeper and OShana's second attempt was superbly pushed around the post by Dean.

Warringah's best chance to score in the first half fell in the 40th minute.

Billy Bulloch beat the off-side trap, crossed the ball from the by-line to team-mate Taylor and his attempt was brilliantly tipped over the crossbar by Rosano.

Auburn almost broke the deadlock in the 70th minute. A shot from Jones from the edge of the area

was parried by the Warringah goalkeeper and OShana fired the second attempt straight back to him.

Moments later Warringah had an opportunity to open the scoring. A corner from Sturges found Sadtner but he shot over the bar.

WARRINGAH-NARRABEEN: P. Dean, Sorge, Collings, Garrett, Earl, Sadtner, Taylor, Bulloch, Sturges, McDonagh, A. Dean.

AUBURN-URUGUAY: Rosano, Parfitt, Geekie, Kelly, Planinic, McDermitt, Carney, Jones, Townson, Knight, OShana.

TWO TO LEAVE

MANLY-WARRINGAH look like losing two experienced midfielders in their chase for the NSW State League title.

Peter Falconer, ex-Derby County, has brought out his contract and is now free to sign for any new club.

His young brother Keith signed this year for Sydney City.

And David Jack is another Manly midfielder with itchy feet.

"I think a change of

club would do me good," said Jack, who has not been selected in Manly's first grade this year.

STATE LEAGUE

1ST DIVISION

Yugal vs Avala	1-1	0-2	4-2
W'ingh N'been vs Auburn Uruguay	0-0	2-1	1-4
Polonia vs Sutherland	0-0	1-2	4-0
Ku-ring-gai vs Rockdale Ilinden	2-2	4-1	0-3
Inter Monaro vs Bankstown Nat	7-0	0-4	—
Cant-M'ville Oly vs Manly W'ingh	1-1	2-1	2-0

2ND DIVISION

N Bankstown vs R'sby Workers	NOT PLAYED
Gl'ville Hsby vs P'matta City	2-1 2-2 0-1
Penrith Un vs Uni of NSW	0-2 0-1 2-1
W'gong M'donia vs Blacktown Un	1-0 2-2 0-2
Belmore vs Bathurst 75	1-3 6-0 3-0
Artarmon vs Fairy Meadow	1-4 2-2 6-2

THIRD DIVISION

M'ebank L'pool vs Baulkham Hills	NOT PLAYED
Queens Pk vs Kingsford	1-0 4-4 2-0
King Tomislav vs North Ryde	0-0 4-4 4-1
Lane Cove Utd vs Mt. Druitt Town	0-6 1-1 —
Port Hacking vs Bondi Marine	2-3 2-2 2-3
CSI Schofields vs C'belltown City	2-2 2-2 1-1
King Tomislav vs Bondi Marine	— 0-2 0-2

INTER URBAN 1ST DIVISION

Rooty Hill vs Padstow Park	1-1 2-1
Sydney Uni vs Maroubra Un	1-1 4-1
H'ville Zagreb vs Wenty W'ahs	4-0 0-1
Wetherill Park vs C'town Gun	1-0 4-0

FAIRFIELD KIEV vs EASTWOOD S/A

3-1	1-5
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NINEVEH vs SPANISH CLUB

2-0	1-2
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INTER URBAN 2ND DIVISION

Sydney Maccabi vs West Un	3-3 0-2
Macquarie Uni vs Hksbury Dist	2-0 1-1
West St George vs Trasandinos	4-3 1-1
Green Valley vs Pagewood	1-2 2-5
Macarthur Un vs Chile Sports	1-0 2-1
Chelsea vs Concordia	3-2 3-0

INTER URBAN 3RD DIVISION

Murray Fm Rgs vs Rosebery Port	2-3 4-1
Bl'town Wand vs Rangers Hajduk	3-1 2-1
Dulwich Hill vs Liverpool City	1-3 2-1
Nepean Rovers vs Haberfield	2-2 2-1
S'thrid Hotspurs vs Robins	1-1 0-0

INTERURBAN 4TH DIVISION

W'ome Sportas vs Bl'town Work's	3-1 4-2
Lith Work's vs Jedinstvo Un	1-1 0-1
Lansvale Un vs Argentinian LU	1-7 0-1
Concord Jnrs vs Liverpool	5-1 5-2
Colo Colo vs Rangers	2-0 3-2
Hellas Poseidon	

INTER URBAN 5TH DIVISION

Crescent Star vs P'sham Lusit	1-2 0-1
Abruzzi vs Fairfield Athletic	1-0 2-0
Calabria vs Macedonia Yag	3-1 2-1
Sans Souci vs Luddenham Cr	4-5 1-2
Santiago vs Greenisland	4-9 0-7

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WILLOX STARS

INTER-Monaro inflicted a punishing 7-0 drubbing against visiting side, Bankstown-National at Seiffert Oval.

Billy Willox made his presence felt in the middle of the park. He was particularly dangerous pushing forward and capped off a fine game scoring a hat-trick.

Walter Valeri, a regular goalscorer for Monaro, added two more to the list and striker Colbertaldo earned his match winning bonus with two goals also.

In losing this game Bankstown have dropped from 7th position on goal difference to equal last in the competition.

Inter-Monaro president Laurie Pastrello was ecstatic with the result and was pleased to announce that Monaro have been further strengthened with

the acquisition of a new player.

"It was a one way game," he said. "We were well in control and didn't allow Bankstown any latitude."

"I have just concluded negotiations with Gabriel Wilk. He has played first division Soccer in Argentina for the last seven years with Mardel Plata and he is only 23," Pastrello added.

Wilk was set to join a club in Spain but through some swift negotiations by Pastrello, Monaro have obtained his services.

INTER-MONARO: Hocking, Domazetovic (Lieth), Williams, Ambosino, Francis, Willox, Monterosso, Farrell, Brennan (Giampaolo), Valeri, Colbertaldo.

POLONIA HOLD SUTHERLAND

DESPITE drawing 0-0 with Polonia, Sutherland still remain one point out of the top four.

Polonia have added depth to their first grade squad with the signing of ex-Riverwood player Vic Juchniewicz during the week.

Juchniewicz replaced injured Irak Garlowski after only five minutes and had an enterprising game in midfield for the home side.

This was a game of contrasting halves. Sutherland

were well in control for the first 45 minutes but the home side asserted their superiority in the second period.

Sutherland's best chance fell for Hargraves in the first half.

Surprisingly, he beat the Polonia offside trap but Polonia goalkeeper Ian Barker pulled off a timely diving save.

In fact, Barker was in fine form for Polonia and was largely responsible for keeping the scoresheet blank.

Juchniewicz almost scored for Polonia with 10

minutes remaining following good lead up work from Galas, Nowak, Sobcsyk and Lumsadaine but he fired his clear cut attempt over the crossbar.

In the third grade game, Polonia defeated Championship rivals Sutherland 4-0 and climbed into first spot on the ladder.

POLONIA: Barker, Jordan, Hennese, Fogarty, Galas, I. Garlowski (Juchniewicz 5), Devani, Nowak, Kowalscyk, Lumsadaine, Sobcsyk.

SUTHERLAND: Dart, Hesford, Terry, Schuman, Dal Forno, Harrington, Rogers, Stoddart, Groome, Hargraves, Gray.

DOUNNIS YET AGAIN!

CANTERBURY striker Loui Dounnis continued his fine form with yet another goal after the Berries 1-1 draw against Manly Warringah at Arlington Oval.

Dounnis levelled the score with a confident left foot drive from the edge of the area seconds after Mark Holloway had put Manly ahead in the 38th minute.

Manly striker Dudley Fox, who was promoted to the firsts because Steven Leak was on his honeymoon, had the perfect opportunity to secure a spot

in the top grade but failed. On three occasions he muffed certain "sitters".

Canterbury midfielder Billy Vassiliou looks certain to trial with Greek first division club AEK.

AEK have received some favourable reports about Vassiliou and are prepared to pay for his airfare and accommodation.

WORTHY OPPONENTS

IN drawing against highly fancied Rockdale 2-2, Ku-ring-gai showed signs that they will steadily climb from the foot of the ladder.

With the return of goalkeeper Andrew Prentice, defender Terry Bertram and striker Craig Bass, Ku-ring-gai proved to be a worthy opponent against a Rockdale side buzzing with confidence.

In fact, Rockdale threw everything forward in the opening stages and opened the scoring after only four minutes.

Branko Karanfilovski drove the ball against the crossbar but the everpresent Ross Brown was on hand to slam home the rebound.

This didn't deter Ku-ring-gai and they fought back equalising in the 33rd minute through Craig Bass following good lead up work by Glen Jeffrey.

Attempts by Brown in the 40th minute and Nastevski in the 42nd minute were well saved by young Ku-ring-gai keeper Andrew Prentice.

Ku-ring-gai hit the lead in the 65th minute. A low cross by Bennett found Jefferer in the middle and he coolly turned a defender and slotted the ball into goal.

With only three minutes remaining a long range shot by Nastevski through a crowded Ku-ring-gai penalty found the goal to level the score.

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NO 1ST DIVISION
GAMES TO BE
PLAYED ON 26/27 MAY

DIVISION 2

Sunday May 27:

Fairy Meadow v North Bankstown
Revesby Workers v Gladesville Hornsby
Parramatta City v Penrith United
University of NSW v Wollongong
Blacktown United v Belmore
Dee Why Swans v Artarmon

Memorial Pk Corrimal
Milperra Reserve
Garside Park
Little Bay Oval
Francis Park
Cromer Park

NEXT WEEK'S MATCHES

DIVISION 1

Sunday June 3:

Inter Monaro v Manly Warringah
Bankstown National v Avala
Cant-M'ville Oly. v Auburn Uruguay
S.S.C. Yugal v Sutherland Shire
Warringah N'been v Ku-Ring-Gai
Polonia v Rockdale Ilinden

Bruce Stadium
Mona Park
Arlington Oval
Fraser Park
N'been Fit Camp
Chopin Park

DIVISION 2

Sunday June 3:

North Bankstown v Dee Why Swans
Gladesville Hornsby v Fairy Meadow
Penrith United v Revesby Workers
Wollongong v Parramatta City
Belmore v University of N.S.W.
Bathurst '75 v Blacktown United

Potts Park
Pioneer Park
Cook Park
Berkeley S/G
Blick Oval
Proctor Park

MIGHTY MIDGET A SENSATION

BY GREG RUSSELL

QUEENSLAND's Premier League champions Mount Gravatt have unearthed yet another sensation in former Sunderland apprentice Martin Kirsopp.

And the 19-year-old pint-size midfielder is set to star for the Hawks after gaining an extension on his visa.

Kirsopp has Senator Boswell to thank.

Kirsopp arrived in Brisbane from New Zealand only with a reference from his team manager at Gisborne and a three-month visitor's visa.

But Mt Gravatt coach Eric Thompson immediately recognised Kirsopp's ability and, with the help of the Senator, successfully gained a nine-month visa extension.

"Martin is such an asset to the club, and not only because of his playing ability. He has his coaching badges and already is taking a junior side," Thompson said.

"We want him to gain a sportsman's visa as he is such an outstanding acquisition."

Kirsopp served a two-year apprenticeship with Sunderland. After that club rejected him because of his size (160cm and 60kg), Kirsopp went to New Zealand.

But Kirsopp proved in New Zealand that size is

no criteria and he has already taught a lesson or two to several players in the tough Premier League since coming to Brisbane.

Despite his lack of height, Kirsopp is competitive in the air and has a great right foot shot. But his most valuable asset is his vision and pinpoint passing.

Kirsopp's good form has helped Mt Gravatt stay undefeated after five rounds of the competition.

And in the recent top of the table clash with Coalstars, Kirsopp had an inspiring tussle with Peter Tyson — until the Ipswich player was sent-off.

The match ended in a 1-1 draw, with Coalstars Stu Weston emerging the hero and the villain. Weston put Coalstars ahead but then levelled the score with an own goal.

After five rounds, the Premier League table was tightly packed with four teams level in third place on five points.

This weekend's clash of the round is the Ipswich "coalminers" derby, between Coalstars and Ipswich United — a match not for the faint-hearted.

Other games see Grange Thistle clash with Olympic, Acacia Ridge host

North Star, Easts play Mt Gravatt and Wynnum take on Taringa.

MILLMAN CATCHES GILROY'S EYE

BY GREG RUSSELL

EVERGREEN striker Ron Millman could be heading back to the National League.

Millman, who presently plays with Premier League club Ipswich United, caught the eye of his former coach Joe Gilroy, who is desperately searching for a reliable goalscorer to bolster his weak Brisbane City attack.

After watching Millman play in Ipswich's 3-0 win over Olympic United, Gilroy rated the speedy winger as "the best player on the park".

"He is still one of the best players around. Ronnie can get in and terrorise defences, and that's what we need at the moment," Gilroy said.

Gilroy knows Millman's ability well. He coached him at Lions for nearly two years.

When Simon Kistemaker took over from

Gilroy, Millman was swapped for Ipswich sweeper Alan Marszalek, who later returned to the Premier League club.

It ended a six-year NSL career which included 25 goals.

Although City are yet to make a formal approach for Millman, it seems doubtful the striker would leave Ipswich.

Millman seemingly enjoys playing under his long-time mentor, Matt Carson, the present Ipswich coach. Carson gave Millman his NSL break at Lions and also coached him at Merton and Southside Eagles.

Millman has been quoted as saying he is very happy at Ipswich, but wants to make this year his last. He is hoping to get a teaching scholarship in England and says he wants to bow out of Brisbane Soccer with a premiership.

ANOTHER RULES GROUND FOR BIG SERIES

THE South Australian Soccer Federation won its battle with the ASF marketing division.

Three of the international matches involving the Socceroos in Adelaide will be played at Hindmarsh Stadium with the fourth, against Italy's Juventus at the much larger and all-seated Football Park.

BY TOM MCKAIN

ASF commercial director Peter Sheehan had hoped to stage all the games at the latter venue, the stronghold of Australian Rules Football in SA.

And he had the backing of several officials and a large slice of the public who object to having to scramble for the 1500 seats at Hindmarsh Stadium.

Football Park can seat 48,500 with 20,000 under cover.

While Hindmarsh has world-class lights, updated for the 1981 World Youth Championship, the Park has only just switched on its lights which are also top class.

The SA Federation battled for the games against Nottingham Forest, Iraklis and Rangers to be played at its headquarters.

And with a friendly relationship with the SA National Football League it

persuaded them to announce that they would agree to lease Football Park ONLY if it met with the approval of the SA Soccer Federation.

The latter agreed to the Juventus game going to the larger ground because the apparent interest in the Juventus match outweighed the enquiries about the other games.

Whether Sheehan's gamble on the bigger more palatial venue comes off remains to be seen, or whether the 18,000 capacity at Hindmarsh would have been enough.

But that covered seating, and the rest of the outer seating, is a big winner at the Park, particularly for families.

Although Hindmarsh is a magnificent stadium in

which to watch Soccer, it is not comfortable standing on the terraces, particularly if it's a cold night.

Why there should have been any battle is a puzzle, although it came as no surprise Soccer officials seem able to create problems from nothing.

We are not blaming the SA Federation, nor are we saying Peter Sheehan was at fault.

But we are saying that once again it has been proved that there is very little harmony between State leagues, NSL clubs, and the ASF and the marketing men.

But one thing must be said in favour of the marketing company.

They were employed to do a job. If they are not allowed to do so then they should never have been employed.



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DREAM START

BY PHIL MURPHY

MANUEL LEON had a dream start after being appointed coach of the Warilla Wanderers first grade side.

Warilla, who have struggled early in the season, parted company with coach Bob Evans after just five premiership games.

Leon, who had previously coached the reserve grade side, was appointed to the top job and his team did a 6-0 demolition job on Cringila the following weekend.

Leon has been with Warilla 10 years as a player and coach and obviously has the players on-side from the start.

"HE's like a bottle of wine — he just gets better with age."

That's how Fairy Meadow secretary Walter Chichkan described experienced midfielder Mick Richardson after the vital 3-2 win over Dee Why.

The consistent Richardson turned in a blinder against Dee Why and was the key man in midfield.

Richardson had said he would retire at the end of last season when the club missed promotion, but officials are glad he changed his mind.

So is the player, as he is well up in the points for the inaugural Second Division Player of the Season award.

BOB FRACASSO made a surprise appearance as a replacement for Bellambi in their 2-1 away win over Bulli.

Fracasso has been with a number of clubs over the years but his latest move has a touch of controversy about it.

It seems Fairy Meadow loaned him to Wollongong United last season and to Corrimal this year. No-one knew about his move to Bellambi.

At time of going to press, Bulli were considering protesting to the ISA over Bellambi playing someone who hadn't

been properly cleared by Fairy Meadow.

DAPTO are a team on the crest of a slump.

The team was promoted to Premier League this season and plenty of money has been spent in making sure they are successful.

It looked like the money had been wasted the way Dapto played in their 0-4 loss to Corrimal.

Coach Hugh Tinney certainly has problems moulding a successful team from what he had on show that day.

There was no cohesion at all evident and the players just wanted to blame everyone else for what was going wrong.

While this was going on, a Corrimal side that relies a lot on team spirit went about the task of putting the ball in the net.

FERNHILL coach Gerry Walker has a problem most coaches would envy.

Walker has two players battling for the right full-back spot in his team and both have been selected in the Illawarra squad of 15 to play ACT in Canberra.

Peter Bragg and Keith Roser are the players involved and naturally the player who can make the position his must have a big edge when district coach David Naylor names his line-up for the ACT clash.

Incidentally, after beating Figtree 1-0, Fernhill had completed six of their seven Premier League games without conceding a goal.

The only times goalkeeper Alan Duncan has picked the ball out of the net was in the 1-2 defeat by Bulli.

PREMIER COACHES IN UPROAR

SOME of Queensland's leading Premier League coaches have called for the selection of a representative side from their competition to take on the all-NSL player Queensland team.

The coaches not only are answering Queensland coach Bruce Stowell's call for more games for his state side, but are reflecting the disappointment of their players in being denied an outlet for representative football this season.

The Queensland Soccer Federation received considerable criticism recently when it chose to use the Brisbane team — which played a curtain-raiser to the interstate match on April 29 — to trial State youth team hopefuls.

Only four regular Premier League players were included in the Brisbane starting line-up.

It was the first Brisbane team named since the Kruger Cup competition between Brisbane and Ipswich folded more than seven years ago.

Acacia Ridge's Bob Butchard is one of the most outspoken in favour of a Premier League select side.

"No-one is arguing with Bruce Stowell that the NSL players were the most experienced for the state team, but the better Premier League players should be given an opportunity to play in a representative side."

CHIT HAT



BRENTON HIERN, West's mercurial full-back or midfielder, has thrown away his crutches after an ankle ligament operation.

The plaster should come off this week and he will start training almost immediately.

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IN THE change of power at Newcastle six weeks ago, one thing that went relatively unnoticed at the time was how the principals of the United supporters club threw themselves behind the new project.

They're dead keen to see NSL Soccer continue in Newcastle, and they're still manning the booths and selling raffle tickets to guarantee that end.

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QUEENSLAND team striker Calvin Daunt answered coach Harry Noon in the best possible way when he was dropped to the Lions reserve team after coming back from the unsuccessful State game.

Daunt scored eight goals in the Lions Intermediate League team's 13-0 thrashing of Redcliffe.

Daunt's Queensland team-mate, Jim McDonagh, also was dropped and managed to find the net twice in the routing.

Daunt had a proud record ended when he stepped in as keeper during the loss to Sydney City.

Daunt, who took over when Wayne Evans broke his finger, has been called on at least four times in the past few years to take the keeper's jersey after an injury. And until the Sydney City match, he had kept a clean sheet.

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WHICH Australian player has won three English First Division championship medals plus two Milk Cup medals?

Craig Johnston, of course. Which brings us to ask — will he get a mention on such shows as the ABC's Sportsman of the Year Awards?

After all, ex-pats such as Jan Stephenson and David Graham regularly get a guernsey, so why not Johnston?

By the way, Johnston will be on display when Liverpool play AC Roma in the European Cup Final in Rome on May 31. Channel 0-28 will telecast what should be a thriller.

RON TILSED has lost his place in the Wollongong City line-up, but he is still closely connected with the club.

The experienced Tilsed is coaching first team goalkeeper Natch Vardareff and youth team keeper David Curley.

A specialised goal-keeping coach is something the club has always lacked and club coach Adrian Alston claims this is a bad mistake.

"Clubs should always try to have a special coaching programme for their goalkeepers," he said.

■ ■ ■

SPARE a thought for John McQuarrie, the young Newcastle midfielder who made such an impressive start to the season.

He's been out with a knee injury for the last couple of weeks and the fact that the problem is not responding to treatment is worrying the Newcastle camp.

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PARRAMATTA MELITA supporters added a bit of colour to Spencer Park when their team played there recently.

A busload of Melita supporters came to Brisbane with their team and brought with them firecrackers and mini-skyrockets that whistled around the stadium.

While the display certainly added atmosphere to the match, someone obviously forgot to tell the supporters that firecrackers are illegal in Queensland!

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THERE are times when you just have to call a halt.

And it's happened to West Adelaide veteran sweeper **Neil McGachey**.

He played on with a groin injury and in trying to protect it suffered another one on the opposite side.

But again he soldiered on and by trying to "take it easy", pulled a hamstring.

Injections, and he fronted up for another game, and this time a driving muscle went.

More injections, but just before the game against Heidelberg he had to shake his head when he failed a fitness test.

He won't come back until he's 100 per cent, which could be another two weeks.

SKELLERN ON TRANSFER



ROD SKELLERN, who has served Leichhardt since the merger with Western Suburbs in 1979, has been put on transfer.

The last two years don't rate highly on Skellern's Soccer calendar. He has been in and out of the first team line-up.

This year, when given the chance to appear in the first XI, right-back Skellern has produced the goods.

But he was recently replaced by Jim Bottalico, and then Leichhardt purchased another right-back in Vic Bozanic.

READERS FORUM

In this spot every week, we shall publish extracts from readers' letters — good or bad! If you want your opinions aired, please keep letters and postcards short and to the point. Write to: The Editor, AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY, PO Box 406, Broadway, 2007.

'KNOCKING'

IT is frustrating enough to obtain a copy of ASW in the country, and insult was added to injury in your editorial of 8.5.84 when reading of your concern about the "idiotic banning of writers and commentators." Perhaps some research on your behalf may be necessary to clarify your position with regard to one of the most punishing aspects of Soccer.

That is, the constant "knocking" of Soccer teams, clubs, officials and supporters by certain sections of the media.

You may even uncover that the club you criticise for banning your writer has been worried about his performance for a number of years; in fact, since his resignation as a club director more than four years ago.

I am sure that Soccer fans would be far happier if reporters concentrated on the positive aspects of the game. While certain areas of speculation are undoubtedly newsworthy, journalists have an underlying responsibility to the sport they are reporting on, in that they, as much as any club official, sponsor, etc, have a role to play in promoting the game.

Other sporting codes have their problems. However one cannot help admiring the promotion in these other codes. In Braidwood, a town approximately 90 kilometres from Canberra, the Canberra Raiders Rugby

League team is followed nearly as enthusiastically as the Canberra Arrows NSL team is followed in Canberra.

Canberra Raiders' losses are glowingly reported as "going down with honour", "gutsy fightbacks against tremendous odds," etc, etc. Hardly a day goes by without major articles promoting the Canberra Cannons National Basketball League team in the local (i.e. Canberra) daily, concentrating on their good qualities, casually dismissing the bad.

For Rugby League and Basketball, there are fewer rumour-mongering bouts of innuendo, less mischievous speculation on the future of coaches and suspect implications on the integrity of club directors.

In short, less fuel to fire suspicion and aggravation. These alternative codes generally enjoy a better "media-image". Sadly Soccer teams and Soccer generally does not.

The initial successes, at least in crowd support, of teams from Canberra, Newcastle and Wollongong, was as much to do with image and identity as anything else.

Unfortunately, the image and identity sector has suffered as worse a fate as the structure of the League has from the lack of true leadership at the highest executive level.

ARTHUR C. HUGGINS, Braidwood, NSW.

UNPROFESSIONAL

I AM an avid reader of ASW and supporter of Australian Soccer, and feel I have to get a couple of things off my chest after some of the unprofessional things that have occurred recently. I am also a player in the National Youth League with a Sydney-based club.

My team at one game were not allowed to enter the ground without showing our passes at the gate. Fair enough, you think. Not so when you realise this was a home game well into the competition and we still had not received our players' passes.

Even more ridiculous when you find that the official who failed to recognise us as the home team players (even though we had our playing gear with us; and moreso the fact he knew some of us personally) was the very same official who was supposed to draw up the players' passes and hand them over to us. Absolutely unbelievable!

We did not receive our new playing strip until well into the season, and when it finally did arrive there were not enough socks and shorts to suffice the 13 players. Incredible!

On away trips (for instance, to Canberra and Wollongong) the coach brings all 18 players in the squad although a maximum of 13 can play. And take into consideration that most players are still at high school (many doing their HSC); if they don't even get selected for the substitutes bench you can count it a day wasted as far as they are concerned.

These instances are just a few examples of the stupid, unnecessary, and unprofessional things that go on "behind the scenes" of not just my club, but many others, as I've heard. When your team is due to

play in 15 minutes and you can't get a rub-down or massage because your club masseur is having lunch with the first grade squad, what do you do?

I'm sure that if any of us "second-graders" were to breathe one word of complaint to an official, or to the first-grade coach (who treats us with no respect as players and portrays himself as a mean boss) we would either be brushed aside or shown the door.

Thank you for your time and patience, and continue the great work.

APPALLED & WORRIED
SOCCER ENTHUSIAST,
Sydney, NSW.

DISGUSTED

I RECENTLY attended a junior Youth League match and was disgusted by the poor refereeing and pathetic language used by players and spectators.

The spectators didn't make this particular match easy for the players either, by using that meaningless term "wogs", which just seems to stick on to the Europeans of this country. Some may take this as an insult, whereas others don't pay any attention to it.

May I bring it to the attention of those who condemn the Europeans that Soccer (as it is known here) began in a European country called England. So wake up all of you so-called Australians out there... wake up to yourselves before opening your mouth, and think.

If the referee doesn't look for trouble he/she doesn't get it. The outcome of poor refereeing in this case led to a row between players of each team. This is something that should be eliminated in order to keep Soccer alive in Australia.

Hopefully my next letter will be on a good point

of the game and not on the bad points.

R.G.,
Horsley Park, NSW.

QUALITY

AS an avid reader of AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY over the past few years, I am bitterly disappointed by the quality of journalistic reporting in the paper these past few weeks. Two points come to mind.

Firstly, as a staunch supporter of Sydney Croatia and Soccer in general over the past 20 years, the lack of objective journalism regarding the Abonyi affair alarms me. In any business venture, if results are not forthcoming, changes are made before it's too late. Abonyi is a fine, honest, hard-working man; however, results were poor, hence his demise.

Secondly, Mr T. Anderson's appraisal of the Croatia v Leichhardt game left a lot to be desired. Anyone not at the game would have thought Leichhardt were hard done by, and Croatia very lucky. Needless to say, in terms of scoring chances, a fair indication would have been Croatia 7, Leichhardt 4.

Let me point out, this is not the only game to be poorly treated, and Croatia is not the only club poorly presented. It seems that ethnic clubs continue to take the brunt of criticism.

People ask why Soccer isn't progressing. Perhaps some of the answers lie with two points I have brought up. Soccer lacks fully-qualified coaches capable of preparing a team physically, psychologically and tactically, and the media present the game in the poor light, with its lack of imaginative yet objective journalism.

K. BOSNIC,
Newtown, NSW.



KEITH GILMOUR JS JUNIOR SCENE

WHERE SOCCER IS SUPERIOR

I HAVE been waiting for some good old prejudiced Aussie Rules junior propaganda to appear.

Finally it did — on the back sports page of a Sydney daily.

And an 11-year-old was quoted as saying: "Soccer and Rugby League get boring after a while. But when you play Aussie Rules you never get bored. The

game's always going." Our policy is normally to get on with Soccer's affairs. It is a game of such remarkable skill and manliness that it has its own charm which is a complete answer in itself to such criticism.

Australian Rules is so often a scrambling game with the ball being knocked hither and thither and bouncing unevenly.

Injuries

It is a flowing game. But for a game with a high incidence of back injuries someone someday may realise that a break to attend to an injury is desirable and should be introduced.

So far as Soccer is concerned there is something to be learnt. In my view players in senior games too often spend needless time lining up for free-kicks. Referees should play their part in keeping the game moving.

Many years back Aussie Rules moguls in Melbourne received a major shock when they learnt just how big schools and junior Soccer was in NSW.

They were able to counter Soccer's junior progress in Melbourne for reasons that have appeared before in these pages.

Junior and schools Soccer should be 10 times bigger than it is in Victoria, and in Melbourne particularly.

Why the Australian Soccer Federation and its coaching arm have not come to grips with finding the way to assist the Victorian Soccer Federation to make its juniors grow is no credit to them.

Scheme

The situation was different in Queensland.

Their junior officials were quick to contact then NSW Amateur secretary Eric Drury and his fellow officials and brought in a model scheme to cover every square centimetre of their vast State with junior organisations.

Queensland is now producing some good talent and it will be up to their excellent coaching scheme to lift more of these lads to star status.

One thing that Victoria has going for it is more of a traditional football climate.

There is some real talent, especially amongst the migrant youngsters.

In saying this, it should be realised that much football throughout the world is played in very warm and even distinctly hot countries.

The South Americans in many cases covered this by producing their own brand of distinctly skilful football.

For the player as well as the parent, Soccer is truly regarded as a relatively safe game.

Careful

The international body, FIFA, is particularly careful through its medical committee to closely examine the incidence and type of injuries.

First and foremost, Soccer is THE football code. Even the illustration in the Australian Rules article shows the player demonstrating the basic hand-pass.

Soccer does have heading and control of the ball by the chest, thigh and so on. The Rugby codes are by definition handling or handball games rather than "football".

Too often Soccer's potential in Australia has been held back by sub-standard management.

Today the fruits of the junior and schools development programme over the years are there for the picking.

The boys who have come through the schools and juniors are taking their places in the top teams of the country.

Many of them too will be appearing against Manchester United, Juventus, Nottingham Forest, Glasgow Rangers and Iraklis in coming weeks.

They deserve to have us cheering them on.



NSW COUNTRY U13 REP SQUAD

PLAYERS: Danny Rich (St Georges Basin Club, Shoalhaven Assn), Shaun Morse, Anthony O'Flynn (Albury Hotspurs, Albury-Wodonga), Andrew Blake, Carl McGann (Tolland, Wagga), Mark Rochow (Albury City, Albury-Wodonga), Anthony Denison, Shane Moore, Mark Duke, Darrion Lambert, Paul Taylor, Cameron James (Macarthur Assn Youth League), Raymond Newman (Albury City, Albury-Wodonga), Jason Deane (Colburra, Shoalhaven), Craig Ash (Bowral, Southern Highlands), Tony Farrell (Mittagong, Southern Highlands). COACH: Max Groll.



NSW COUNTRY U14 REP SQUAD

PLAYERS: Brett Langford, Richard Crisp, Chris McGill (St Stanislaus Bathurst, Mitchell Assn), Scott Jones, Andrew Stedman, Craig White, Craig Jones (St Joseph James Shenahan, Western NSW), Kelton Whalan (Cudal, Calare Assn), Brian Hollywood (Moss Vale, Highlands), Michael Lappan (Lithgow Police Boys, Lithgow), Lachin Turner, Paul Glezekamp (Albury Hotspurs, Albury-Wodonga), Adam Wardle (Illaroo/Road, Shoalhaven), Vincent Bates (Bomaderry, Shoalhaven). COACH: John Haynes.



NSW COUNTRY U15 REP SQUAD

PLAYERS: Craig Prestage, Joseph Sergi, Shane Maundrell (Griffith), Mark Pearce, Adam Carroll, Wayne Comerford, Mark Rooke, Philip Dunn (Western NSW), Trevor Whittall, Dean Denaro, Paul Tippet, Steven Kinross (Southern NSW), Derek Boyer, Craig Weldon (Albury-Wodonga), Jason Price (Wagga). COACH: Vince Balzan.

DEMONS, SAINTS AT THE SCG

BLACKTOWN CITY and St George Under 16 teams are delighted to have been chosen to provide the supporting game to Australia v Nottingham Forest at the Sydney Cricket Ground on Queen's Birthday, June 11, at 1 pm.

It will be a full competitive Youth League clash and could well decide which of these two fine teams will win the title this year.

The Demons have been in outstanding form, but the team is in second place as the result of a loss to Auburn and a draw with Saints.

On Saturday, 1983 State U15 representative Paul Quarumby netted four goals in Blacktown's 5-0 win over Bankstown, with Peter Brown scoring the other.

Gary Jones, one of the smallest and nippiest strikers around, continues to upset his U15 opponents.

Blacktown City led 2-0 but let the game slip towards the end and the final score was 2-2.

The U14s fought out a scoreless draw, and in U13 Billy Mannix's goal gave the Demons a 1-0 win.

Croatia's U13s lost 2-3 to Auburn at Mona Park. Croatia had an off day, but sweeper Robert Galic and goalkeeper Simon Culo were both in top form.

In a vital U15 game, Granville ran out 2-1 victors over Nepean.

With the score 1-1 at half-time, Granville hit the winning goal just after

the break, and Nepean were unable to force an equaliser.

NSW ATTACK YOUTH LEAGUE

ROUND 15 GROUP A

	U13	U14	U15	U16
Melita v Illawarra	2-0	0-3	2-2	1-1
Baulkham Hills v APIA	2-0	1-0	4-6	1-1
Croatia v Auburn	2-3	2-2	1-1	1-3
Ku-ring-gai v Stn Dists	0-1	2-2	0-1	2-0
Bankstown v Blacktown City	5-0	0-5	0-2	2-1
Macarthur v St George			washed out	

GROUP B

Nth Bankstown v Syd Olympic	0-2	1-7	0-6	0-5
Blacktown v Marconi	1-5	0-1	0-2	1-2
Sydney City v Sutherland	0-12	0-2	1-3	2-3
Granville v Nepean	3-2	0-3	2-1	3-2
Avala v Manly	3-1	2-2	2-1	3-0
Gladesville v Cant-M'ville	0-1	2-1	0-1	3-3
Central Coast v Rockdale	4-2	3-0	7-0	11-0
Central Coast v Manly (R4)	4-0	0-0	3-3	4-2

METROPOLITAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

	U11	U12
Gladesville v Ku-ring-gai		2-0
Sutherland v Central Coast	6-0	1-2
Stn Dists v St George	0-1	0-3
Blacktown v Canterbury	1-3	0-5
Bankstown v Granville	2-3	0-2
Nepean v Stn & Eastern		5-0

COMMONWEALTH BANK SOCCER CUP RESULTS

LAMBTON HOME

BY BILL TURNER

LAMBTON shattered Maitland's 1984 Commonwealth Bank Soccer Cup aspirations with an upset 3-1 win.

Maitland were pre-match favourites and it seemed to be just a matter of by how many goals they would win by.

Their coach David Moore held some misgivings as some of his players had not been dedicated in their training sessions.

He hammered out the message that K.O. cup ties are decided on the day and the Valley boys quickly ran to a 1-0 lead.

Determined Lambton came back in the second half.

They levelled the score through Stephen May in quick time, Wayne Goodchild scored and then Robert Emerson wrapped it up not long before the final whistle.

The winners were well served by midfielder and captain Jason Crowe, left-back Goodchild and striker Greg Jones.

Simon Rutherford and Richard Eggleton were best for Maitland. The 15 year old Eggleton has a bright future in goal.

JASON — LEETON'S YOUNG TIGER

BY FRANK FINLAY

OUR picture shows the action of an Under 12 match in Leeton, but it depicts more than just that.

Player No 5 is Jason O'Brien, born in Newcastle. So there in a nutshell is the benefit of state-wide Soccer.

When players or families move between cities or anywhere around the country, they never miss out on their Soccer.

Jason was born in Newcastle in 1973 and started playing at the age of four. In 1977 and 1978 he was his team's best and fairest player.

His grandmother gave him a Soccer ball as a present and he has never stopped playing on or off the field.



Sometimes it is at home against a brick wall. At other times he is on the field. He is all heart and

moves well at all times.

He joined Leeton United Soccer Club in 1979 and has a sister and three brothers.

Last year his team won the U10 championship. He

prefers to play full-back, where his speed and tigerish defence make him a worthy adversary.

He played in the Leeton U11s in the Wagga Wagga K.O. and is in Leeton Public School's 6th grade.

His ambition is simple. I

want to play First Division Soccer for Leeton, he says.

With his zeal and love of Soccer, who knows where he will finish up.



NEW ZEALANDERS WILL RETURN

BY BILL TURNER

FOLLOWING their highly successful tour in 1982, New Zealand's, Hillcrest High School will be back again in August this year.

Hillcrest High School is located in a suburb of Hamilton in the North Is-

lands's Waikato Valley.

As is the strict policy for such tours, Soccer is only a part of the overall plan and cultural exchange.

The Hillcrest squad and its teachers will return to Kurri High on the Northern Coalfields and Warners Bay High on Lake Macquarie for two segments of the tour.

From the 1982 visit, a Student exchange programme has established which has each year been extremely profitable for all concerned at the three schools.

The young students from Kurri and Warners Bay spend six weeks at Hillcrest High as full time students, then later in the year Hillcrest students

cross the Tasman to spend six weeks at Kurri and Warners Bay.

This year the Hillcrest Soccer Squad will commence their tour at Chatham High on the Lower North Coast before going to Kurri, Warners Bay and then ending the

excursion at Normanhurst Boys High in the Hornsby area on the northside of Sydney.

The New Zealanders will again be led by teacher-coach Tony Dixon.

BIRMINGHAM BOY JOHNNY HAYNES

JOHN HAYNES is one of the keenest specialists coaches around particularly when it comes to handling juniors.

Last November he was in camp to help Vic Dalglish prepare the Australian U15 for the successful win in the Oceania Tournament in Auckland.

This year he has again teamed up with Dalglish to assist with State League club Ku-ring-gai.

His other duties are as the NSW U14 coach for the Australian Championships and also coach for the newly-created NSW U14 Country team.

John Haynes turned to coaching three years ago after completing his Level 2 ASF course.

In 1982 he became a Level 3 coach and is now classed as a Senior ASF

coach and a Staff coach with the NSW Soccer Coaches Federation.

He was born in Birmingham, England, and came to Australia in 1969.

In England he was a amateur with Coventry City and then went on to play in his local West Midlands League.

His Australian career was with Pan Hellenic (1969-70) and Melita Eagles (1971-72). As well he played in amateur ranks with Glebe and later Lethbridge Park, which was renamed Mt Druitt Town.

He handled Mt Druitt in State League Third Division in 1982, but turned

it in after being unhappy with player attitudes by mid-1983.

Haynes likes to see the game being played keenly and well, and that attitude will determine his methods with juniors.

STAND-DOWN NOT ON

THE impossibility of complying with an Australian Soccer Federation edict over deferring games during the international series was clearly demonstrated by St George SFA secretary John Hedison.

The ASF originally ruled that junior games were to be deferred when international games are played in a particular city.

Hedison, who is also publicity officer of the NSW Amateur Soccer Federation, said: "The five months that grounds are available to us covers 21 Saturdays.

"If councils cannot get grounds ready for the first Saturday that reduces availability to 20.

"It is not possible in our district to run competition fixtures on Easter Saturday and on the middle Saturday of the May school holidays, because so many parents have chil-

dren away on vacation.

"So we are left with 18 Saturdays to cover our competitions. It is self-evident that no Saturdays are available to stand-down our competitions."

There may be some associations where holidays are not so prevalent and games could be played at Easter and throughout school holidays.

But generally Mr Hedison's statement rings true.

That means it is up to the ASF to realise it has to carry out its plans without interfering with the legitimate playing time of Soccer's vast army of junior footballers.

Manfred Schaefer were both perhaps naturally more concerned over their players than NSW's record.

This point must be fully sorted out for the future.

From St George, Peter Petkovski pulled out and Steve Zantides and Pedro Ricoy finished up on Thursday.

Sydney Olympic's Chris Kalantzis refused to play, claiming that Parklea was

too far away for training, while Alex Lambropoulos was ordered not to run on Saturday.

NSW lost 0-5 to Victoria, but sprung back to defeat South Australia 4-1.

A disappointed coach Vic Renkovetsky particularly congratulated Ross Etherington, David Hale, Brett Nelson, Zantides and Dragon Pupovac for great performances.



VICTORIA WIN FROM P1

the final and the medals were handed to winning team Victoria in a plastic bag.

How professional coaches could combine a competition of national and World Youth Championship importance with various trials, reflex tests and other "odds and sods"

tests is beyond belief.

Victoria must be heartily congratulated on their fine win. They have kept their team together for years and every credit to them.

The NSW performance was hampered because St George coach Frank Arok and Sydney Olympic's



WINNERS AT BEGA

Teams from the NSW Country, NSW, Victoria, Tasmania and the ACT competed in Merimbula Soccer Club's Amundsen Cup in Bega at Easter.

Pictured are the captains of those teams which won trophies. They are (from left): Sasha Jancevski (ACT), Michael Wooley (Tasmania), Paul Reid (Goulburn), Mark Anderson (Morrington Park).

— Photo from Mrs Helen Finlay

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SERDERON THE PLASTIC MAN PRIZE

SERDERON PTY LTD, Sydney's Polythene Distributors, will award \$1,000, split between five lucky junior clubs, associations, schools and organisations for their contributions to ASW for the period April 3 to September 25, 1984.



These can be in story and/or pictorial form. Photographs should be in black and white and have good contrast, although colour snaps will usually turn out satisfactorily.

The prize are: 1st \$500, 2nd \$250, 3rd \$100, 4th \$100, 5th \$50. The decision of the editorial staff of ASW will be final.

So keep those news items and pictures rolling in to AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY, PO Box 406, Broadway, NSW 2007.

FANS STAY AWAY

URUGUAY are not the biggest of attractions when they play abroad.

For instance, it has been revealed that the Scotland v Uruguay match at Hampden Park last September cost the Scottish F.A. \$23,000.

The official attendance was only 20,545. Those people could get lost in the vast Hampden arena.

Although Scotland won 2-0, the Scottish F.A. is still upset about the cash loss.

Perhaps Scotland paid the Uruguayans more than the going rate for the match. Uruguay were given a match guarantee of \$50,000.

DERWALL'S JOB NOT SO SAFE

WEST GERMANY likes to boast that it never sacks its national team coach and, indeed there have been very few occupants of that prestige position over the years.

This could all change after the next World Cup in 1986. Coach, Jupp Derwall, has been warned his contract will not be renewed after the Cup.

It's not that Derwall has been a failure. His record is very good, comparing favourably with that of almost any national coach in the world.

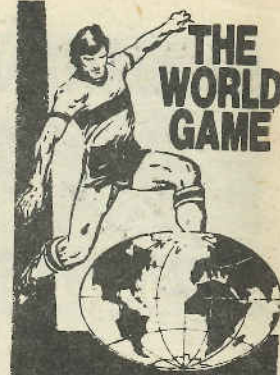
But many people in Germany feel the team has lost its flair and its spark of magic. In other

words, West Germany does not entertain sufficiently to spark the enthusiasm of the spectators.

The interesting decision will be...what happens to Derwall if West Germany wins the World Cup?

The German Football Association (DFB) would look very silly if it fired the winner of the world's number one trophy.

But there is no doubt the finger is on Jupp Derwall.



FALCAO THE 'MOUTH'



ITALY'S foreign footballers have a new champion to argue their case when there is confrontation with officialdom.

The "mouth" isn't even Italian. He is Falcao, the

outstanding Brazilian who has performed so well with A.S. Roma this season.

Falcao objects to certain clubs paying out extra bonuses to win special games and he said so.

He thinks all players should know their exact annual income before the start of the season.

SOCRATES WORTH BIG MONEY

SOCRATES, the captain of Brazil, has been rated in the \$6,000,000 bracket by Barcelona, the big-spending Spaniards.

Italy's Sampdoria, however, believe he is worth "only" \$4,500,000.

Socrates was very angry recently when Globo TV went to his house and interviewed his children after school.

The bearded Brazilian resented this invasion of privacy and promptly cut off all dealings with Globo.

WHO SCORES THE GOALS?

SOME interesting statistics about which nations produce the most goals per match.

Italy and Greece come bottom of the "table" with 1.6 goals a game.

Argentina is not a lot better with 2.33 while Brazil, always rated an attractive, attacking, foot-

lowest goals-per-game figure in 10 years with 2.41.

Much more encouraging are the figures from the Irish Republic (3.57), West Germany (3.77) and top of the pops, Holland with 4.33.

MICHEL MAKES MARK

ITALY's race for the honour of being top goalscorer was finally won by Platini of Juventus who pipped Zico of Udinese.

Platini scored 20 goals in the recently-completed season with Zico getting 19.

Behind the two foreigners came Paolo Rossi on 13 goals.

EDU IS NEW BOSS

EDU is the new coach of Brazil's international team — but it's only a short-term arrangement at the moment.

He will be in charge of

the side for June internationals against England, Argentina and Uruguay.

Edu is coach of Vasco Da Gama. He succeeds Parreira in the national job.

OVERSEAS RESULTS

SPAIN

Bilbao v At Madrid	1-3
Barcelona v Sociedad	3-0
Mallorca v Malaga	2-1
Sporting v Osasuna	3-0

W GERMANY

Offenbach v Brunswick	1-2
D'ort v Mannheim	1-2
Hamburg v El F'urt	0-2
L'kusen v B M'bach	1-2
K'lautern v Nuremberg	4-2
Uerdingen v Cologne	4-6
Bielefeld v Bochum	2-1
Bremen v Stuttgart	1-2
Dortmund v Bayern	1-1

AUSTRIA

Vo Linz v Au Vienna	3-2
Innsbruck v Wiener SC	2-2
K'furt v St Graz	1-1
E'stadt v Salzburg	0-2
Gak v St Veit	2-0
Ad Wacker v Lask	1-0
Ra Vienna v Fav Ac	4-0

YUGOSLAV

B Titograd v Z Sarajevo	1-1
Di V'kovci v C Zenica	3-1
Sarajevo v Osijek	5-0
V'dina NS v Va Skopje	2-0
O L'jana v Red Star	0-1
Di Zagreb v V Mostar	2-0
Rijeka v Rad Nis	2-0
Partizan v Hajduk	1-0
Pristina v St Tuzla	1-0

BELGIUM

Ghent v Anderlecht	1-2
Beerschot v Courtrai	2-0
Lierse v Seraing	2-2
FC Liege v Cl Bruges	3-1
W'schael v Beveren	1-2
Ce Bruges v Beringen	3-1
Lokeren v Malines	2-3
Waregem v Antwerp	1-2
Molenbeek v St Liege	3-0

POLAND

Szo Bytom v Wis Krakow	0-0
Wid Lodz v P S'zecin	2-1
B Gdynia v GKS K'wice	1-1
Za S'wiew v R Chorzow	1-1
M Lublin v LKS Lodz	0-0
Cr Krakow v G W'brzych	1-0

E GERMANY

Dy Berlin v L Leipzig	0-2
Vorwaerts v Dy Dresden	2-2
K-M Stadt v Magdeburg	1-1
Ch Leipzig v Un Berlin	0-2
R-W Erfurt v C-Z Jena	2-0
St Riesa v Ch Halle	4-2
H Rostock v Wis Ave	3-0

FINAL TABLE

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Dy Berlin	17	5	4	66	36	39
Dy Dresden	14	9	3	61	28	37
Lok Leipzig	16	5	5	56	28	37
Vorwaerts	13	7	6	56	36	33
Magdeburg	12	8	6	56	33	32

WORLD CUP FOR ITALY

FIFA decided at its executive board meeting in Zurich at the weekend that Italy would host the 1990 World Cup.

There were only two countries bidding to host the Cup, the Soviet Union being the other one.

It is not known how close the voting was on the executive but it is reasonable to assume that Russia's late decision to pull out of the Los Angeles Olympic Games would have influenced some FIFA officials to vote for the Italians.

This, coupled with the

United States boycott of the previous Olympics in Moscow, probably persuaded several voters that Italy, rather than the Soviet Union, would be the more suitable choice.

Italy, in any case, was a firm favourite.

The country has excellent stadiums, guaranteed large attendances at Cup matches and, importantly, political stability at the present time.

The decision to take the 1990 World Cup to Italy is a fitting reward for Italy's success in the 1982 Cup held in Spain.

THERE must be a shortage of good young goalkeepers in Russia.

Tschanow, the Moscow Torpedo goalkeeper, has just been selected for the first time for the Soviet Union international side...and he's 33.

SPURS RIGHT TO WORRY

TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR chief executive Peter Day confessed he was very worried about how the fans would behave in Belgium at the Anderlecht v Spurs UEFA Cup Final first leg.

Day was obviously right to worry. Predictably, those fans — or many of them — behaved like mongrels carrying on the terrible tradition all too often associated with English supporters in Europe.

Spurs are already under threat of being barred from European competition if they cannot control their fans ... so the misbehaviour in Brussels might just bring on such a ban.

As Peter Day said "BE-

FORE going to Belgium: "Our big worry is that we could win the UEFA Cup and then be banned from defending it."

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TOUGH ON TONY

SOME club directors make very heavy demands on their team managers.

Take the problem facing Aston Villa's Tony Barton. He was told he had to get the team into European competition — or make heavy cuts in Villa's wages bill.

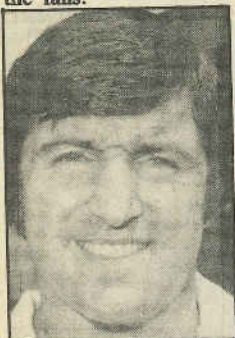
The reduction in outgoings was \$225,000.

ALLAN UNDER FIRE

BOARDROOM battles are usually kept discreetly in the boardroom. Not at Scunthorpe United, though.

Allan Clarke, who is a director as well as manager, has been abused by another Scunthorpe director, Graham Pearson.

"I want Clarke off the Board," said Pearson, adding the postscript, "and if it was up to me, I wouldn't have him as manager either!"



VENABLES

ROBSON WON'T QUIT



BOBBY ROBSON says he is determined to stay on as England team manager — despite recent miserable results.

He has no intention of slipping quietly out of the job as Don Revie did in 1977 ... even though he admits his task sometimes seems impossible.

Once again the popular clamour is for Brian Clough to take over as England boss, but Clough isn't interested. In fact, he reckons nobody else would do the job better than Robson.

In 18 games as England

manager, Robson has never been able to select the same team twice. He has been beaten by the system which has always put club before country.

There are few enough genuine stars in England

but the situation is even more difficult when there are mass withdrawals from Robson's selected line-ups.

Next month, England play three games in South America and the betting is they might lose all three.

THE BIG DAY FOR MERVYN

SEVERAL years ago, a young, exciting, goalkeeper with West Ham United was the rage of the armchair critics as he put on some magnificent performances in TV matches.

Remember his name? Mervyn Day. But whatever happened to Mervyn Day?

He is now reserve goalkeeper with Aston Villa, but he was in Villa's first team when they played at West Ham recently and won 1-0.

The hero of the night? You've guessed it — Hammers "reject" Mervyn, who constantly frustrated his former team, who lost all hope of playing in Europe after that home defeat.

BRADY KEEN TO STAY IN ITALY

LIAM BRADY is likely to remain in Italian football with his present club, Sampdoria, even though his present contract expires this month.



BRADY

This will disappoint the wealthy English clubs anxious to bring the Irish midfielder back from the Continent.

Brady told a London newspaper that he was delighted Don Howe had been appointed manager of Arsenal, Brady's old club.

"I wanted Don to get the job because he is the right man to put Arsenal back on the map," he said.

But this doesn't mean Brady is heading back to Arsenal. If he does fancy a return to England, Spurs and Manchester United would bid to the limit for his transfer.

The betting, though, is he'll stay right where he is.

ELFED ELLIS, chairman of the Welsh International committee, said after Wales beat England at Wrexham: "Now England are the poor relations."

TIT FOR TAT

He was getting a dig back at the En-

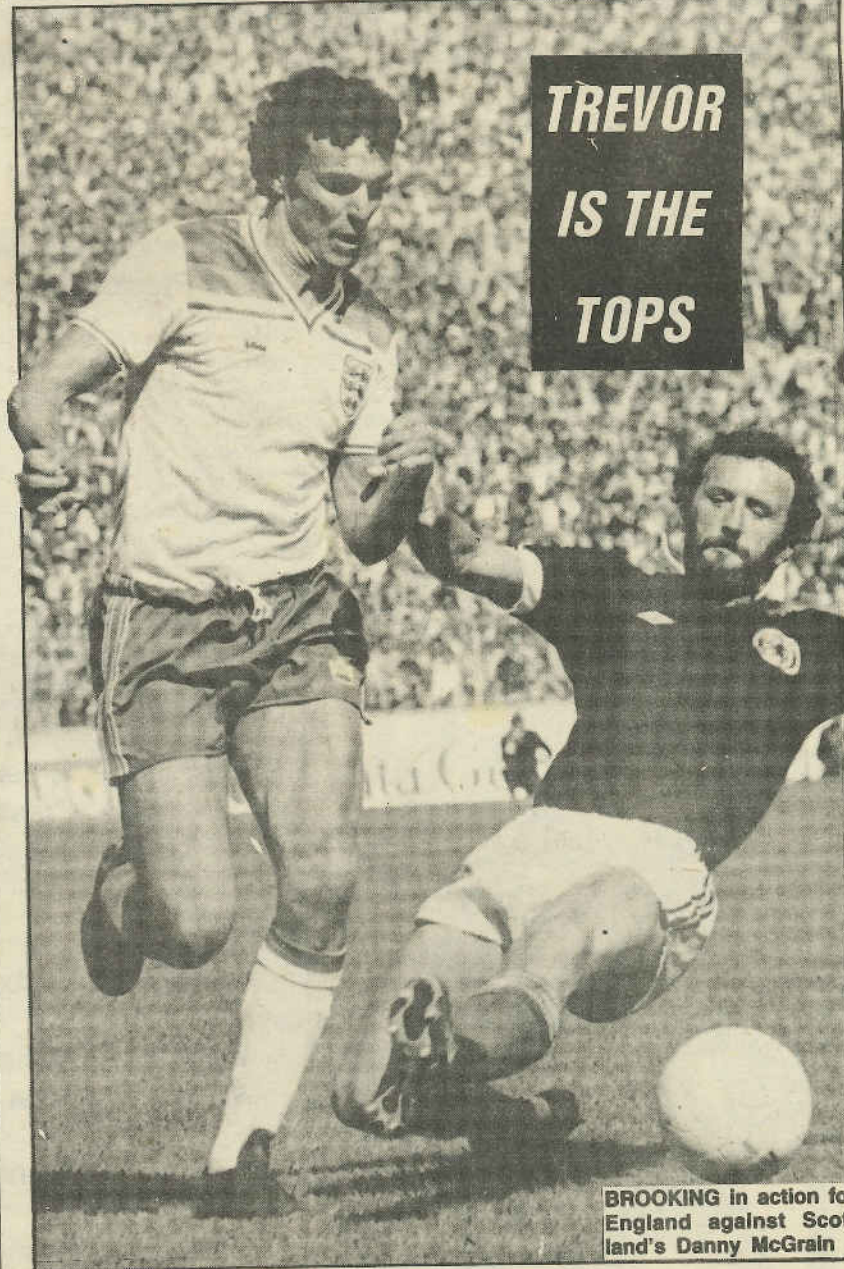
glish officials who cancelled the annual England v Wales matches because "little Wales" were not attractive opponents for "mighty England".

BORO GO BAD

WHEN Middlesbrough beat Charlton 1-0 at Ayresome Park, the official attendance was 4,720.

This was Boro's lowest crowd since the War. And Middlesbrough used to be one of the best-supported teams — per head of population — in England.

Caretaker-manager Jackie Charlton was not among the 4,720. He had a previous engagement ... coaching the British Army team in Germany.



BROOKING in action for England against Scotland's Danny McGrain

TREVOR BROOKING, one of England's greatest midfield players, has probably played his last match for West Ham United.

Brooking might have been persuaded to have another season if the Hammers had qualified for next season's UEFA Cup, but now, it seems certain he

will settle for well-earned retirement.

With players of his skillful touch as rare as hen's teeth in England, football can ill-afford the loss of a man like Trevor Brooking.

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BRITISH HONOURS FOR 1983-84

ENGLISH DIVISION ONE

Champions: Liverpool. Runners-up: Southampton. Relegated: Birmingham, Notts County and Wolverhampton.

ENGLISH DIVISION TWO

Champions: Chelsea. Also promoted: Sheffield Wednesday and Newcastle. Relegated: Derby, Swansea and Cambridge.

ENGLISH DIVISION THREE

Champions: Oxford. Also promoted: Wimbledon and Sheffield United. Relegated: Scunthorpe, Southend, Port Vale and Exeter.

ENGLISH DIVISION FOUR

Champions: York. Also promoted: Doncaster, Reading and Bristol City. Clubs seeking re-election: Rochdale, Hartlepool, Chester and Wrexham or Halifax.

FA CUP

Winners: Everton. Runners-up: Watford.

MILK CUP

Winners: Liverpool. Runners-up: Everton.

SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION

Champions: Aberdeen. Runners-up: Celtic. Relegated: St. Johnstone and Motherwell.

SCOTTISH DIVISION ONE

Champions: Morton. Runners-up: Dumbarton. Relegated: Raith and Alloa.

SCOTTISH DIVISION TWO

Champions: Forfar. Runners-up: East Fife.

SCOTTISH FA CUP

Winners: Aberdeen. Runners-up: Celtic.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE CUP

Winners: Rangers. Runners-up: Celtic.



NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE



1984 NSL CUP



ROUND 1

TUESDAY MAY 22

6.30pm	Blacktown City	v Sydney City	St George Stadium
8.15pm	St George	v Leichhardt	St George Stadium
6.30pm	Penrith City	v Canberra Arrows	Melita Stadium
8.15pm	Parramatta Melita Eagles	v Sydney Olympic	Melita Stadium
6.30pm	South Melbourne	v Sunshine George Cross	Olympic Park
8.15pm	Brunswick Utd Juventus	v Footscray	Olympic Park

WEDNESDAY MAY 23

7.30pm	West Adelaide	v Adelaide City	Hindmarsh Stadium
7.30pm	Brisbane City	v Brisbane Lions	Perry Park
6.30pm	Wollongong City	v Newcastle Rosebud	Marconi Stadium
8.15pm	Marconi	v Sydney Croatia	Marconi Stadium
6.30pm	Green Gully	v Heidelberg Utd	Olympic Park
8.15pm	Melbourne Croatia	v Preston	Olympic Park



ROUND 2

SATURDAY MAY 26

1.15pm	Sunshine George Cross	v Footscray	Middle Park
3.00pm	South Melbourne	v Brunswick Utd Juventus	Middle Park
1.15pm	Green Gully	v Melbourne Croatia	Olympic Village
3.00pm	Preston	v Heidelberg Utd	Olympic Village

SUNDAY MAY 27

3.00pm	Brisbane City	v Marconi	Spencer Park
2.30pm	Adelaide City	v Blacktown City	Hindmarsh Stadium
4.15pm	West Adelaide	v Sydney City	Hindmarsh Stadium
3.00pm	Sydney Croatia	v Brisbane Lions	King Tomislav
2.00pm	Leichhardt	v Newcastle Rosebud	St George Stadium
3.45pm	St George	v Wollongong City	St George Stadium
3.00pm	Penrith City	v Parramatta Melita Eagles	Cook Park, St Marys
3.00pm	Canberra Arrows	v Sydney Olympic	National Sports Centre